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a car and offices for John Major's 1990 leadership campaign, and that ministers had approached him this summer for help with their election expenses.

Mr Greer, who confirmed that he was resigning from his lobby-ing company, detailed the full extent of his links with the Conservatives and Mr Major in an interview with The Times that will further embarrass the party as it gathers for its annual conference in Bournemouth. The Prime Minister had earlier

IAN GREER, the lobbyist at the

heart of the cash-for-questions

affair, claimed yesterday that he

had raised £750,000 for the

Conservatives over the past ten

years, that he was paid to provide

complained that the whole business was poisoning British politics because of the way it was being slanted. He accused newspapers of operating kangaroo courts and responded angrily to reports that the Government had tried to influence a parliamentary inquiry into the Neil Hamilton affair, insisting that he had

nothing to hide. direct allegation that a govern-ment whip had discussed with a select committee chairman how to handle the inquiry. But, banging the table for emphasis during an BBC Television interview with David Frost, he said he bitterly resented claims of a cover-up. He hoped that Sir Gordon

Downey, the parliamentary commissioner for standards, would carry out his own inquiry into the Hamilton case as speedily as possible and publish the result. Mr Major accused Labour of leading a witchhunt and said he would be surprised if anyone at Westminster did not know Mr Greer: "He paid for Tony Blair to go on Concorde to America. He handed fees, via an intermediary. to Robin Cook for making speeches on party political marers. He had two or three Labour

members on his board." Asked about the car Mr Green was said to have lent him for his own leadership campaign. Mr

By Andrew Pierce and Philip Webster Major replied: "He didn't lend me a car. He drove me from Downing Street to St James's Park. It took three minutes. It's a lot shorter than a Concorde trip

> to America." In his Times interview yesterday, Mr Greer said that after Margaret Thatcher's resignation. he had gone to Mr Major's leadership headquarters to offer assistance. "Someone said they needed a car," he said, so he made his Daimler available for three or four days. He recalled driving Mr and Mrs Major from Il Downing Street to St James's Park. "It was used for ferrying around. I drove Norman Lamont, who ran the campaign and was my local MP, backwards and forwards."

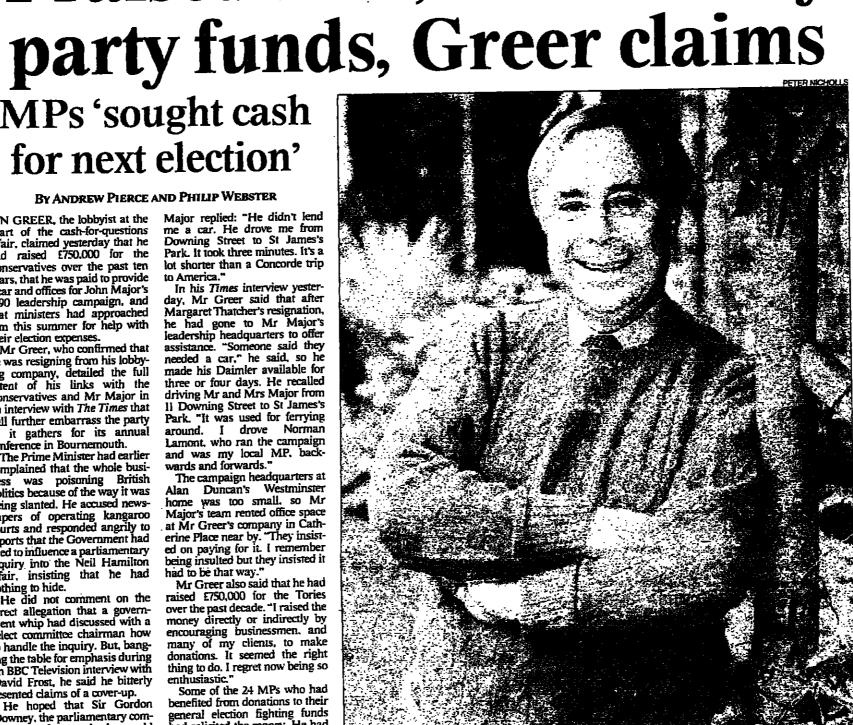
> The campaign headquarters at Alan Duncan's Westminster home was too small, so Mr Major's team rented office space at Mr Greer's company in Catherine Place near by. "They insisted on paying for it. I remember being insulted but they insisted it had to be that way."

Mr Greer also said that he had £750,000 for the Tories over the past decade. "I raised the money directly or indirectly by encouraging businessmen, and many of my clients, to make donations. It seemed the right thing to do. I regret now being so enthusiastic." Some of the 24 MPs who had

benefited from donations to their general election fighting funds had solicited the money. He had seen Gerald Bowden, the MP for Dulwich, at Hatchards bookshop in Piccadilly just as the 1987 election had been called: "He asked me if there was anything I could do to help." As recently as three months

ago, Tory MPs - including some junior ministers - had approached him to see if any financial assistance would be Continued on page 2, col 2

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Ian Greer at his Kingston upon Thames home yesterday: "I regret now being so enthusiastic"

Police use I raised £750,000 for Tory teenage informers in crime crackdown

By STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPUNDENT

POLICE are recruiting informers as young as 14 in a crackdown on crimes ranging from burglaries to muggings, ram-raiding and

drug dealing.
Two of the largest forces in Britain, the Metropolitan and West Midlands, already use child informers and have special guidelines for handling them. Others are keen to mine a potentially rich vein of criminal intelligence from a group responsible for 40 per cent of offences annually

Of 43 forces in England and Wales which were recently canvassed on the idea of using young informants, only one was opposed. The majority, questioned in a project backed by the Home Office, asked for a national lead in how to handle them.

Now a working party formed by chief constables is drawing up national guidelines. The group is headed by Roy Penrose, a deputy assistant commissioner, national coordinator of the regional crime squads and an expert on the use of informants. After consultation with forces and lawyers, the guidelines are expected to be ssued in the spring.

They will cover whether police should try to recruit young informants and whether an independent adult, such as a probaon officer or teacher, should be

The guidelines will also spell out the precautions police should take to check the information; whether parents should be told: how officers should protect themselves against allegations of corruption, what payments should be given, and what to do if the child informs on his or her

Scotland Yard's guidelines are likely to be a national model. They are believed to tell officers that they should apply the same cautious approach as used in dealing with criminals on bail who offer information. The youths must be seen at a police station, two officers should al-

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Tebbit fuels EMU row as McAlpine quits

By Philip Webster AND PETER RIDDELL

JOHN MAJOR'S hopes of a Tory party ceasefire over Europe are dealt a blow today with a warning from Lord Tebbit that the Prime Minister's wait-and-see policy on the single currency

will not work. In an interview with The Times, the former Conservative chairman says that the policy so strongly advocated by Mr Major at the weekend will not survive an election campaign because we will be smoked out"

He suggests Mr Major should rule Britain out of the single currency's first wave and assume leadership of the "outs" - countries excluded from monetary union if an inner core goes ahead. In a further jolt on the eve of the party conference, Lord Mc-Alpine, the former Tory treasurer, has disclosed that he is defecting to James Goldsmith's

Referendum Party and will chair its conference this month. In tonight's Panorama programme he says that he has told Baroness Thatcher about his change of allegiance and that he is not afraid of being branded a traitor. He says: "People talk in terms

for changing their minds. I mean, for God's sake, it's a mobile thing, politics.

I don't need any converting to the point of view of the Referen-

of traitors and they blame people

back to the Conservative Party because they don't seem to be very Conservative."

Mr Major yesterday continued his efforts to defuse the European dispute, saying that he would keep Britain in the talks on a single currency because if it went ahead and failed it would make the ERM's failure "look like a teddy bears' picnic".

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Inquiry double acts to split up

WHITEHALL EDITOR

NEW government guidelines would prevent another Scott inquiry with a legal double-act such as Sir Richard and Presiley Baxendale, QC, firing questions at witnesses. A review of procedures recthat inquiry ommends chairman should keep their distance from counsel to the inquiry during questioning of witnesses.

A senior Whitehall source said: "We must get away from any impression that a government inquiry is gunning at witnesses. That is not acceptable and it is necessary for the chairmen of future inquiries to keep aloof from the counsel to the inquiry. We thought that Sir Richard and Presiley Baxendale were a little too close in their approach."

The suggested reforms come from the Council of Tribunals to the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay, who has broadly accepted the report. They are expected to be published later this month. The review is also expected to recommend legal representation for anyone likely to be criticised by an inquiry, and for the lawyer to be allowed to challenge any premise made by other witnesses.

The joint interrogation of witnesses by Sir Richard and Miss Baxendale during their investigation into arms to Iraq provoked a furore among ministers and senior officials. Lord Howe, QC, the former Deputy Prime Minister, was among the most vocal in his criticism. "Far from the carefully distanced neutrality that normally separates the two, Presiley Baxendale, QC, and the judge sat alongside each other like partners in a tion," he said. He accused Sir Richard of acting as detective, inquisitor, ad-

vocate and judge". Last night, Sir Richard preferred to wait for publication of the report before making any comment.

'My staff have been 100 per cent loyal. I owed it to them to walk away'

Doyen of lobbyists explains why he is stepping down

IAN GREER, the high priest of political lobbyists, stands down today as chairman of the company at the centre of the cash-for questions dispute. Mr Greer, 63, confirmed last night that he had offered

his 100 per cent shareholding to the other directors at a board meeting on Friday. He has entered into talks with Sir Tim Bell, one of the advertising men advising the Tory party, about a home for staff and clients, should the directors turn down the share offer.

Literary agents have ap-proached Mr Greer to sign a publishing deal to "explode the myths" of his profession and tell the inside story on the cash-for-questions affair.

Mr Greer's decision to walk away from the company. Ian Greer Associates, which he built up from scratch 14 years ago, was the hardest he has ever taken. Mr Greer, speaking to The Times at his Surrey home, said yesterday: "I decided for the sake and honour of my clients, who have stayed loyal to me to stand aside. I

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funds for the next general

Mr Greer has sponsored

the fringe guide for the Tory

Conterence which opens in

Bournemouth tomorrow, but

he has decided to stay away and has cancelled his annual

lunch for clients and politi-

cians. "I do not want to expose

my clients to a media circus. I

decided the best way was to

Mr Greer is a lifelong Tory

supporter, but he said his

company also had strong links

with Labour. Chris Smith, the

Shadow Health Secretary, who has played down his

connections with the lobbyist,

had addressed a lunch meet-

ing of his clients at the

Connaught hotel in the sum-

withdraw," he said.

Greer's £750,000

the chance to rebuild the company under a different name. My staff have been 100 per cent loyal. I owed it to them to walk away. It was difficult, I was proud of IGA. It is still viable but I knew the

name Greer had to go." But Mr Greer will retain control of Ian Greer International, which has clients worldwide. "I am not running away or giving up or changing the name. I am going to

continue to work." Mr Greer has no money in the bank and faces legal costs of £250,000. All his money was invested in the business which he was offered £2 million for

two years ago.
IGA, with a £3.5 million annual turnover at the peak of its success, was the biggest lobbying company in Europe. Mr Greer was on first name terms with most members of the Cabinet, John and Norma Major were guests at his 10th anniversary party at the National Portrait Gallery in 1992. Then, it seemed as if the world was at his feet. But that

mer, and had gone to the IGA

offices to talk to the staff about

attention in the controversy

switched to David Willetts, the

Paymaster General, and a

memo he is reported to have

written when a whip to the committee investigating alle-

gations against Mr Hamilton

in 1994. The memo said that

two options for the committee

were discussed: to investigate

matters quickly, "exploiting the good Tory majority" on the

committee, or to defer it, citing

Mr Hamilton's pending libel

Smith, the committee chair-

man, has recalled speaking

with Mr Willetts, but fiercely

denied being influenced by the

Geoffrey Johnson-

Mr Greet was speaking as

the Labour Party.

by the allegations in The Guardian by Mohamed Al Fayed, the owner of Harrods. Mr Greer was accused of being a conduit of cash to the Tory MPs Neil Hamilton and Tim Smith to table Commons questions. To this day he strongly denies the charge which he attributes to Mr Fayed's grudge against minis-ters over his failure to secure a British passport and the Department of Trade and Indus-

try report into the takeover of

branded the Harrods owner a

"cheat" and "liar".

House of Fraser which

In 1990 Mr Greer disclosed at a Commons committee that he had made "thank you" payments to three MPs for the introduction of new business. Last week their identities were revealed. The payments were not in breach of parliamentary regulations. Two MPs, Mr Hamilton and Michael Brown, broke the rules by not declaring them.

"I am a businessman. I made the payments for the introduction of business opportunities which were not turned down. With hindsight it was a mistake," Mr Greer said.

The source of the money he paid into 24 MPs fighting funds in the 1987 election was Mr Fayed and DHL International. Mr Greer, who was once a Tory agent to the former Cabinet minister Peter Walker, knew it was hard to raise cash locally for an elec-

tion campaign.

Mr Greer had raised money for the Tories before. He was amazed at the horror expressed by MPs such as David Mellor and Sir Anthony Durrant who said they would not have touched money from Mr Fayed. Mr Greer did not disclose the donor or the recipients so there was no 'anticipation or expectation".

"If Mr Mellor and Sir Anthony are now so concerned they can give the money to a charity. None of the MPs asked donors' names. They were happy to have the money in their fighting funds."



Dogged pursuit police patrolling the Tory party conference venue yesterday

Willetts memo could be 'smoking gun' for Tories

ALLEGATIONS that Paymaster General David Willetts apparently tried to stall a Commons inquiry into the Neil Hamilton affair when a whip two years ago yesterday became was the most damaging disclosure so far for the Government in the revived cash-for-questions row.

The confidential memorandum by Mr Willetts about his conversation with Sir Geoffrey Johnson-Smith, then chairman of the members' interests select committee, would have surprised no one who knows the workings of Westminster and the prodigious influence wielded by the Tory whips.

Ministers claimed yester-day that Mr Willetts was merely doing his job. But if the allegation were to be proven that senior Tories even considered using their comfortable majority to clear Mr Hamilton it would be serious blow to the Government. A senior Tory MP said yesterday: "I hope

this is not the smoking gun." It was, however, the disclosure of anything that transpired between whips in their notoriously clandestine world that shocked Conservative MPs most yesterday. They were astonished that Mr Willetts wrote down anything

authorise the arrangement.

his parents?"

forces for not making better use of informants. But some

forces may not feel happy,

even with guidelines, and

there are private doubts in the

commission about paying

Lawyers are also cautious.

There are questions over payment and how youths should

be treated in court if their role

is disclosed. John Wadham, director of Liberty, said there was concern that children would be encouraged to mix

with criminals when police should be working to get them



Willetts: sent memorandum

about such a sensitive conversation. But they were doubly shocked that it should have been exposed.

The thoughts of the whips, if ever committed to paper, are kept very seriously secret. Whips keep records on the speaking and voting performances of Tory MPs; it has never been denied that they have a "black book" in which the indiscretions of their colleagues are recorded, for use when the going gets tough if they need to be brought into line. But these papers are locked up in the whips' office just off the Member's Lobby in

the Commons and would not normally go to Downing Street Exchanges of the type between Mr Willetts and Mr Johnson-Smith are rarely

committed to paper.

The Times understands. however, that the paper came from a document called the Government whips' book. The memo went to The Guardian newspaper in a package of government documents provided by Downing Street as it prepared its case in the Hamilton libel action.

Richard Ryder, the former chief whip, was subpoenaed to appear in the case and it is assumed that he produced the note after going through the documents that applied to his time in charge.

The detailed contents of the note are fiercely contested by Sir Geoffrey, who denies that he was ever put under pressure by the Government to stall the inquiry into the cashfor-questions aspect of the affair until after Mr Hamilton had concluded his libel action. Although Sir Geoffrey has a different recollection of it than Mr Willetts, the conversation itself is not in dispute.

Whips of both parties are involved in everything that happens at Westminster - not for nothing are they known as the "thought police."

Hewitt is charged . with drink driving

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James Hewitt has been charged with drink driving after a six-week police inquiry into a late-night crash. Mr officer, of Bratton Clovelly, Devon, was charged with driving with excess alcohol when he answered police bail and reported to Heavitree police station in Exeter at the weekend where he was interviewed about the accident He originally spent several hours in the cells after the crash at Silverton, near Exeter. Devon. at 11.30pm on Saturday, August 24.

Suspect arrested !

John Gilligan, a suspect in the murder of the Irish journalist Veronica Guerin, was arrested at Heathrow airport during investigations by customs officers into alleged smuggling of drugs cash to Holland. Another man was questioned and £300,000 seized as they pre-pared to fly to Amsterdam.

Royal claim

George Foulkes, MP, Labour spokesman on overseas development, yesterday de-manded an inquiry into claims that Prince Michael of Kent had exploited his royal status with the British Embassy in Beijing to further his Foules has tabled a series of Commons questions.

Tipped for chief

John Major is expected to approve the appointment of General Sir Charles Guthrie as Chief of the Defence Staff when the current holder, Field-Marshal Sir Peter Inge, retires early next year, Sir Charles is Chief of the General Staff. He was recommended by Michael Portilly. the Defence Secretary.

Madras reunion

The British model Samantha Slater, freed after serving more than two years in an Indian prison for drugs offences, has been reunited with her mother in Madras.: Miss Slater. 25, who lives in Birmingham, was pardoned released from Trichur prison in Kerala last week.

Rare success

Some of Britain's rarest birds have enjoyed a breeding season. In Scotland 104 pairs of ospreys raised 155 young. White-tailed eagler raised nine young from seven nests in Scotland, while England's only breeding pair of golden eagles raised a youngster, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds said.

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GERRY ADAMS, the once

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Fein who survived on social

security hand-outs until last year, is reaping the rewards from his new autobiography

which has netted him an

would go instead to republi-

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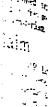
furt Book Fair. Sinn Fein said

that he tried unsuccessfully to

change his flight to return

The book, which costs

home early for the funeral.











Colette Adams: new

wealth brought gossip

border within a week. Th book will be published this month in Germany, France, Holland, Greece, Australia and Canada. Most of the royalties will come from sales in America where publishers William Morrow will launch the book in February with an initial 50,000 print run.

advance of up to £100,000.

His family is enjoying a noticeably more affluent lifestyle as they look forward to American readers are exroyalties from worldwide pected to lap up Mr Adams's romantic description of his sales expected to bring another six-figure cheque. childhood in West Belfast in Mr Adams's decision to the 1950s and his account of pocket the royalties from his the early days of the Troubles sixth book breaks a pledge he in the late 1960s. Mr Adams, n ade as recently as February List year that he would never who denies that he is a member of the IRA, devotes benefit personally from his books. He insisted that profits four pages to describe the life of an IRA gunman in a

fictionalised account. can welfare groups.

While most republicans seem unruffled by Mr
Adams's new wealth, there Heinemann, which is publishing the book in Britain and Ireland, says Mr Adams will get 10 per cent of the cover price. His contract is expected to earn him at least £100,000 extra from worldwide sales, although the royalties will not be paid until his advance of £100,000 is paid off.

Mr Adams's new wealth has already attracted gossip about his wife, Colette, and son, Gearoid, in West Belfast. Gearoid, 23, who recently graduated from teacher training college in Belfast, went on a three-week Mediterranean holiday. Adams jnr. who is over oft and an accomplished Gaelic footballer, sported a suntan at the weekend when he turned out for Antrim against Fermanagh at Casement Park in West Belfast.

An acquaintance said that Adams jur is popular in West Belfast, although clearly a cut above his contemporaries financially: "At college he drove a smart car which your average student did not drive. He was much sought after and had a steady girlfriend." Mr Adams, 48 yesterday, is also showing signs of moving

up in the world. The tweed

iackets and duffel coats that

were his trademark have been

replaced by crisp suits and floral silk ties. At less formal events he wears expensive His earnings are a sensitive matter for Mr Adams who. until last year, relied on £/1./U income support a week. He last received a wage as a

Belfast barman in August

1969. At the launch of his book



in Belfast last month he looked sheepish when he admitted that he would pocket the royalties, and he was rattled when a reporter from Dublin's Hot Press magazine asked him about his earnings. Mr Adams replied: "I'm about the legitimate business of writing. What do you do with your money? The royalties of this book, as the writer, come to me. I have to live the

same as you and everbody

Adams family enriched by bestselling book on Troubles

Sinn Fein leader cashes in

with £100,000 royalty cheque

proved a boon for the Adams family. Heinemann admits that some of its staff have been unsettled by the decision to publish his work. Sandy Grant, chief executive of Reed Books, Heinemann's parent company, said: There was a vigorous internal debate because some had reservations about the book. But Mr. Adams is one of the serious voices in the debate in Northern Ireland and it is not a book

However, Peter Robinson, the deputy leader of the Democratic Unionists, said it was a be profiting from an account

of the Troubles. The MP for East Belfast said: "For someone whose life has caused so much misery to so many people, to profit so much is a disgrace. Everyone should leave this book on the

Leading article, page 22 ground.

Fears for children after dogs poisoned on estate

By Michael Horsnell

POLICE are hunting the owner of a red transit van after death close to a housing estate. Three of the deaths occurred shortly after a man who got out of the van with a haversack was seen putting some-

thing on the ground. Pet owners have been warned by police to muzzle their dogs and parents urged to keep children away from the three-acre grassy area near the Holmes Estate at Thornaby, Cleveland, where the dogs were poisoned.

Two other dogs have survived after emergency treatment and a boy aged ten, who became ill after playing football on the green, spent two days in hospital. However, any connection with the poisoning has yet to be con-

Officials from the Ministry of Agriculture's investigation unit, who carried out postmortems on the dogs, confirmed that bait laced with poison, probably a pesticide, was responsible. Further tests are being carried out at the ministry's central science lab-

three dogs — a cocker spaniel, a Jack Russell cross and a mongrel - police cordoned off the recreation area while health officials went over it. They failed to find anything suspicious but on Thursday, the day after the area was declared safe, the fourth dog, a border collie, died.

David Francis, head of environmental services at Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, said: "Our message to local people remains to continue to be vigilant. If poisoned bait was the cause, as we believe, whoever was responsible could strike again. People who

A police spokesman said: "Someone out there is deliberately poisoning dogs. We are asking pet owners not to let their dogs loose and to muzzle them to prevent them sniffing or eating anything found on the ground. We are also urging parents with young children to warn them not to pick anything up from the

see anything at all suspicious should call the police."

First Brother beatified as last volunteer heeds the call

THE Pope beatified the 19th century Irish philanthropist Edmund Rice yesterday, but the religious order which the one-time Waterford merchant founded in 1802 is now left with just one volunteer willing

to carry on the tradition.

Christian Brothers, which helped build the foundations of the Irish education system, has a dwindling band of 600 middle-aged and elderly brothers. In the past six years, only one man has ioined the order. Brendan Murphy, 23, is the only novice in the order which

educated most Irish men over the age of 30, including Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president. and Charles Haughey. the former Prime Minister. the joined when he was 17 and to one has enlisted since. Young people two years ahead of him have left, unwilling to commit themselves to a life of

poverty, celibacy and obedience. Mr Murphy, who will become a brother next year, is convinced that God selected

By Audrey Magee, ireland correspondent I had a choice. I was called to this life. You have to put stock on that calling or you would

not get by." From the Dublin seaside suburb of Howth, Mr Murphy was educated by the Brothers. He became more interested in religious life when his parents separated,

Edmund Rice, a businessman who relinquished his great wealth to educate poor children and create a more just society, started his first school in 1803 in Waterford, home of his wife who died in 1789, leaving him with their handicapped daughter. The Catholic Church gradu-

and the schools became vehi-

cles for educating the middle

Corporal punishment became commonplace and allegations of sexual abuse by the brothers have been reported in The schools also fanned the

flames of Irish Republicanism in the late 19th century. Eamon De Valera, who headed the first Dail, or parlia-ment, in 1919, said Ireland went to prayer meetings and became deeply involved, with the support of his family. owed more to the Christian Brothers than it would probably ever realise. "I am an individual who owes practically everything to the Christian Brothers," De Valera once

Mr Murphy wants to bring the Christian Brothers back to the ideals upheld by Edmund Rice, who was beatified by the Pope in Rome yesterday morning. The Brothers have camally wrested control of the Christian Brothers and by the paigned for 85 years to have middle of the 19th century the their founder beatified and schools were used by the given the title "Blessed". Most Church as a way of fighting British plans for a non-sectariof the brothers went to witness the ceremony and an primary school system. 250,000 Irish people are thought to have watched the The poor were pushed aside

Royal alarm at books on Duchess

that should be censored.'

By Alan Hamilton

BUCKINGHAM Palace is becoming increasingly concerned that a rash of books by and about the Duchess of York could further damage

the monarchy's image. The Queen, her senior advisers and the Duke of York in particular, are deeply dismayed at the publication, and serialisation in the Daily Mirror of a book of intimate disclosures written by Vasso Kortesis, the duchess's Greek-born former "psychic guru" which details the duch-

ess's alleged sexual infidel-A royal source said: "There is concern at the damage that has been done, books like this do no one any good, and they especially do the Duke of

York no good." Another book, by her former American confidant Allan Starkie, will go ahead after the Duchess withdrew last week from a court action aimed at preventing its publication. The Duchess's autobiography is due to be published by Simon and

Bookie's betting slip loses £250,000 By A STAFF REPORTER

A BUSINESSMAN who won more than £250,000 with the bet of a lifetime has been told he won't get a penny because the bookmaker forgot to film

Terry O'Callaghan's £54.50 stake on an accumulator for four soccer matches won him £259,200 with High Street bookmaker Coral. But Coral is refusing to pay out because its shop manager

didn't photograph the bet on a special camera. The company,

one of Britain's big three bookmakers, yesterday confirmed it wanted to interview shop manager Ron Chivers, who is on sick leave. Mr O'Callaghan, 52, of Cardiff, said: "This is a disgrace — as far as I'm concerned they are robbing me of £250,000. I did everything properly. How they can refuse to pay up

wrong is beyond me. They are using the rules to suit them to wriggle out of paying me my winnings. "Coral hasn't even asked me

because their own staff got it

to see its senior managers to

When I worked out how much I'd won I thought I was on easy street and took my wife Penny out for a champagne meal to celebrate. I was on Cloud Nine until I went to the betting shop to get my money

and they said they weren't going to pay out.

When they told me the bet wasn't on the microfilm from the cameras I thought somebody was trying to wind me up. I've got my betting slip and it has been stamped in the proper way." He has refused to accept Coral's offer to return his stake. "I'm not accepting

Coral yesterday confirmed it is investigating Mr O'Callaghan's win and that Mr Chivers has gone on sick leave. A spokeswoman said: "For reasons we have not been able to establish, the betting slip was not photographed, although the camera was working properly. We reserve the right to declare void any betting slip with which we are not satisfied and will not be

anything less than what they owe me." he said. making a payment."

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him: "I was as much chosen as and lower-middle classes.

Schuster next month. Pope's surgery, page 15 find out what happened. New generation of music lovers turn on to traditional sound of a vinyl revival

beatification on television.

By CAROL MIDGLEY THE vinyl record is following in the finest traditions of pop music by making a comeback. Long after being written off by CD enthusiasts, vinyl is enjoying a revival thanks to the popularity of dance

music and Sixties-influenced bands such Increasing numbers of bands are insisting on having albums released on vinyl as well as on CD and cassette. Dance DJs are helping to keep vinyl from extinction by continuing to "mix"

tracks, a technique which cannot yet be performed with CDs. Worldwide sales of vinyl dises have recently doubled from 2 per cent of the market to 4 per cent. David Hughes. director of corporate affairs for EMI, the only major record company that still has a vinyl pressing factory, said many of its leading artists, such as the Pet Shop Boys and Radiohead, wanted their work on

vinyl. "There is an ongoing passion for

vinyl and it is hugely collectable," he

There is an interest and a liking for the sound it produces. Sales are vibrant for 12-inch and seven-inch singles but a lot of big-selling bands want their albums to be on vinyl, too. We recently moved our vinyl factory and that would have been a golden opportunity to knock it on the head if we had wanted to, but we didn't. Becole say it is dead but it work.

didn't People say it is dead but it won't lie down." A vinyl seven-inch single costs about 99p while a CD single can cost more than £4, making vinyl a good choice for hardupteenagers. Katrina House, of the UFO Music store in London, said: "We sell more vinyl than CD. We do a lot of memorabilia and all the Indie-type bands have everything released on vinyl. It is a lot prettier, as well: you have coloured vinyl and nice covers which

people like to collect." Mo's Music Machine, one of seven vinyt pressing factories in Britain, produces about 15 million, mainly dance, records a year which are sold around the world, particularly America. Lee Muspratt, a buyer for the east London based company, said: "We are working to full capacity at the moment. A lot of major record stores, such as HMV, have

started restocking vinyl again."

Jonathan Rees, head of rock and pop for HMV. said: "It is very fashion-led at the moment. Bands like Cast and Oasis have boosted the trend for vinyl; there is a kind of Sixties mystique about it." Dave Pearce, a Radio I disc jockey, said vinyl was still preferred by most DJs. Jack Dinsdale, Professor of Mechatronics at the University of Dundee, said

that vinyl sound was still superior to CD, with greater subtlety. "When CDs were introduced in 1983 there was a lot of commercial hype but now people are disenchanted. Classical music sounds better on vinyl, and happily there are quite a few young people buying classical, not just the grey oldies."

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By Brian Greer CROSSWORD EDITOR

THE National Final of

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Championship was won

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on his fourth appearance

in the final. Mr Hender-

son, 32. completed all four

puzzles correctly in an

average time of nine

Runner-up in a very

close contest was Alastair

Sutherland, 60; a retired

GP from Glasgow, who

completed the puzzles cor-

rectly in an average time

of under ten minutes.

Fractionally slower in

third place was Michael

Trollope. 50, a chemical

ngineer from Worthing.

The inaugural pairs event, which proved an extremely popular innova-

tion in this year's champ-

ionship, was won by Tony

and Peter Fowler, 53, a

computer consultant, both

from Wokingham. Their

average solution time was

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£16m puts Britain's walkers on open road

ENGLAND'S fuorpaths and bridleways are in better condition than they have been for decades, according to a

The Countryside Commission, which advises the Government on land use, said there had been a great improvement since its last study eight years ago — a claim dismissed as "far too complaby the Ramblers

Kate Ashbrook, the ramblers' chairman, said: "The commission counts as acceptable some 17,000 miles of paths which can only be used with some inconvenience. To imply those are properly maintained is nonsense.

There are 105,000 miles of rights of way in England, of which footpaths account for 82.000. bridleways 18.000, roads used as public paths 3.000 and byways 1.860, the commission estimates.

This is 12,400 miles fewer than were measured in 1988. but the latest count, based on a survey in 1994 of 299 randomly selected areas, is considered more accurate.

The survey found that 90 per cent of paths were usable. compared with 68 per cent in 1988. Sixty-eight per cent were easy to find, although only 42 per cent (34 per cent in 1988) were signposted where they left the road.

Walkers found that 87 per cent of stiles, gates and bridges were satisfactory and that they had a better than one in two chance of completing a two-mile walk without meeting an obstacle. In 1988 the chance was only one in three.

Richard Simmonds, chairman of the commission, which has spent £16 million over eight years on improving rights of way, said the findings represented "a major improvement", but he admitted the target of having all rights of way legally defined and unblocked by the end of the century would not be met.

More than 2,000 volunteeers took part in the survey on foot and horseback, by bicycle and motorcycle and in horse-drawn carriages and four-wheel-drive vehicles. They found 88 per cent of on Ordnance Survey pathlinder maps (6 per cent up on

'Tory candidate doesn't stand a chance, farmers feel so betrayed'

Wives take up cudgels in BSE row

AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

SHEDDING their traditionally self-effacing image, farmers' wives are emerging as the shock troops of the countryside as anger grows over the Government's handling of the 'mad cow" crisis. Women were prominent in

the crowd that jostled and jeered Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, after he refused to address them at a dairy show in Devon last week. They have also taken the lead in organising what is expected to be a large turn-out of farmers at the Tory party conference in Bournemouth tomorrow: they will warn the Government it is losing the votes of thousands of loyal rural supporters.

In the van of the swelling protest is Sandy Loud, 50, a dairy farmer's wife from Northdown Farm at Lewdown, near Launceston, a cofounder of the Somerset. Devon and Cornwall Network, which she runs with three other farmers' wives and a farmer's daughter. On the day before she confronted Mr Hogg, Mrs Loud had led a group of 80 farmers who ambushed his Cabinet colleague Roger Freeman at a private meeting with slaughtermen and cattle renderers at Honiton, shouting him down with cries of cheat", "traitor" and "Roger

the Dodger". Mrs Loud said: "In fairness, Mr Freeman at least had the guts to listen to us and to address some of our concerns. Mr Hogg did not even have the courtesy to come out and

At the weekend, the group faxed a letter to the Prime Minister, calling on him to



Making their feelings on the beef crisis plain: left to right, Ruth Burrow (kneeling), Pat Bird, Mary Down, Sandy Loud and Jane Down

speak personally to the farmers at Bournemouth. "Farmers are facing the biggest crisis this country has ever seen in its agricultural history, instigated by your Government."

The other members of Mrs Loud's campaign group, all in dairy farming, are Ruth Burrow, of Rill Farm at Ottery St Mary in Devon, Pat Bird of Middle Crackington Farm at Crackington Haven in Cornwall, and Jane Down and her

mother, Mary, of Marshwood Farm at Chard in Somerset. "It started soon after the Government's announcement

last March that BSE might have passed to humans," Mrs Loud said. "Ruth got in touch after seeing me being interviewed on television. We decided there was a role for us to play because our husbands were so tied up in running our

The Louds' constituency is

Devon West and Torridge, last month to cut 10 per cent whose sitting MP, Emma Nicholson, defected to the from the compensation paid to farmers for cattle that have to Liberal Democrats. "The Tobe culled and burnt. "Mr ries have got a brilliant young Hogg actually went to the EU prospective candidate but the and asked for the cut just to save the Treasury money," she poor chap doesn't stand a chance because farmers feel so said. "This was a kick in the teeth for farmers still saddled

ment," she said. with thousands of unsaleable Over at Ottery St Mary, over-age cattle because of the Mrs Burrow said the last Government's own ineptness straw was the decision by the European Union at the end of At the 300-acre Marshwood

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Farm. Jane Down said the next three months would be critical for thousands of farmers as they faced the prospect of having to dig into precious supplies of maize and winter silage to feed unproductive animals doomed to end up in

ners-up were Andrew Bull, 23, and Paul Collacott, 39, a partnership of civil servants from Cheltenham. The winners were presented with engraved tro-Crystal by James Mac-Manus, managing editor

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of The Times, who recalled the stormy introduction of the crossword into The Times in 1930. and the notorious Provost of Eton who liked to time his breakfast egg by solving The Times cro (and didn't like it hard-Top-placed competitors

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Vegetarians claim best year for converting meat eaters

By MICHAEL HORNSBY

UP TO a million people turned vegetarian after the Government's disclosure in March of a possible link between BSE and Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, it was claimed yesterday.

The Vegetarian Society, which will had increased its membership this year by 5 per cent to 20,000. Ray Drake, the society's chairman.

said in its annual report: "The year to May 31, 1996, saw what was probably ment, "the number of telephone calls the largest single conversion of people to vegetarianism in history." The claim was based on a poll by Gallup in April which found 7 per cent of the population, about four

million people, professing to be vegetarian, compared with 5 per cent before the announcement on "mad cow" disease on March 20. Tina Fox, the society's chief execu-

and written inquiries went up from a normal level of about 500 a week to several thousand.

We think BSE will have a lasting effect, particularly as people were already turning away from beef to cancer and heart disease."

She added: "More companies are taking account of vegetarianism. Birds Eye, for example, recently launched a meat-free range of prod-ucts on the basis of market research showing that 41 per cent of consumers are reducing meat eating.

"It is true that vegetarians are still dominated by women and young people but as women still do most of shooping they can disproportionate impact.

The Meat and Livestock Commission, the government quango which beef consumption was still 18 per cent down on the pre-March level, but said many people had switched to other meats such as lamb and pork. A spokesman said: "Overall con-

sumption of meat has not changed much over the decades and is still same as 30 years ago." He added that many people claiming to be vegetari-

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InterCity offers first-class returns for train robbers

By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent

AN AUDACIOUS gang of "walk-on. walk-off" railway thieves is preying on passengers in first-class carriages as they sit waiting for their InterCity trains to depart. The gang is thought to be responsi-ble for thousands of thefts a year; recent victims have included a former Tory minister. government officials and the head of a construction company.

Police believe that the gang has a hard core of about ten drug addicts from Liverpool, trained in the skilful techniques of "dipping". They mainly take wallets and purses from jackets on hangers or in overhead racks, and the cash and credit cards stolen help to fund their crack and heroin habits. In a typical robbery, a well-

"passenger" board the train, hang up his jacket next to the victim's, then jump off seconds before departure on the pretence that he is on the wrong train. Only later, when the victim looks for his ticket or tries to pay for food at the buffet, will he realise that his wallet is gone. Skilled thieves have been known to steal ten wallets a day by this method. Patrick Nicholls, Tory MP for Teignbridge and a former junior minister, had his wallet taken twice in six weeks on trains from Paddington earlier this year.

Another common trick has one thief distracting passengers attention by begging for change while an accomplice rifles through bags and jackets. Most of the thefts are at King's Cross, Euston and Paddington in London, which have dozens of InterCity departures a day. Major stations in northern England, such as Liverpool Lime Street, have

More than 600 walk-on, walk-off thefts were reported

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in London in the first half of the year. Known credit card losses have topped £100,000, a figure that police say may represent only a small proportion of the total.

An undercover operation by British Transport Police (BTP) resulted in a number of convictions, but "trainees" quickly take the place of those sent to prison. BTP officers are concerned that the newly privatised InterCity companies may be reluctant to publicise the robberies because they do not want to deter high-spending business customers. "This problem is not going to go away unless the railways adopt a more aggressive crime-prevention stratesaid Superintendent Geoff Holmes, who is heading the operation, codenamed Madison. He wants train companies to put warning stickers in first-class compartments or

departure. Mr Holmes said first-class passengers were lulled into a false sense of security. "People have seen the advertisements saying you can unwind and relax on an InterCity train. So

to broadcast warnings before

they get on, say, at Padding-ton, start drifting off to sleep or reading the newspaper, let their attention wander and do not realise what has happened until they get to Bristol The main culprits are

known to police but are difficult to charge unless they are caught in the act of stealing. Usually wallets are thrown away after the theft and the cash and credit cards hidden in underpants. Credit cards are often used to buy foreign currency at bureaux de change near the station, which is then changed into sterling

Stealing just before a train departs may give the thieves, known as Madisons, several hours to maximise their gain. "You may see a passenger who was on a train departing at 1300 who has transactions timed on their credit cards at 1310, 1320 and 1330 at a bureau de change in Tottenham Court Road." Detective Constable Sean Burke said

Once, a thief found a home telephone number in a wallet, rang the victim's wife and persuaded her to disclose her maiden name by pretending to be an old friend of her husband's. This information was all that he needed to clear security procedures at their bank and to withdraw funds.

Richard George, the deputy managing director of Great Western Trains, which runs trains from Paddington to the South West, said that the company was considering closed-circuit television at stations and on board trains and was planning to reintroduce ticket checks before boarding at Paddington. "We take this issue very seriously and we are working hard with the British Transport Police and other train operators to



Thieves may strike while first-class passengers are distracted by work or are settling into their seat to relax

the thief, who cannot be named for

legal reasons, returned to Paddington

and stole a credit card from the head of

a large construction company. To

make the theft less obvious he replaced

the missing card with that of the

previous victim and returned the

wallet to the man's jacket. It was only

when the victim tried to pay for a

Tony Stanger's wallet was stolen after he and his wife

had spent an evening in London seeing the musical Buddy. When they boarded their InterCity train at King's Cross on May 10, the carriage was empty except for one man whom Mr Stanger barely noticed. Mr Stanger, 49, a businessman from Derbyshire, put his jacket on the overhead rack and went to the lavatory. In that time his jacket was "dipped". A few minutes before departure at 10pm,

One of the most notorious InterCity

thieves enjoyed two days of high-

spending at Selfridges earlier this year

after taking credit cards from two

wealthy passengers. He used his first

victim's credit cards to open an account

at the West End store, buying a E975

watch and spending the rest on lunch

at the store's sushi bar. The next day

the conductor asked for a Mr Stanger to come forward. Still unaware of the theft, Mr Stanger met a plain-clothes policeman who told him his wallet had been stolen and a suspect who had been under surveillance had been seen dumping plastic cards in a rubbish bin. About £40 cash and several credit and banks cards were missing. "I still go on the train regularly but I am more

Peter Abbott and John Haigh were jailed at Middiesex Guildhall Crown Court in August for a string of "walk-on, walk-off" thefts. Police described them as intelligent men who had had the misfortune to be born on troubled housing estates in Liverpool, where they became heroin addicts. Abbott, 34, had been released from prison in March after being convicted of 19 similar offences in April 1995. Abbott, who is fluent in

turned immediately to his old trade of railway robbery, usually working as a lookout while Haigh, 29. Police described them as likeable rogues who would not use violence but whose lives had been destroyed by their drug addiction. Abbott's brother had died of a heroin overdose at King's Cross station. Haigh was jailed in August for two years and Abbott for 212

business lunch in Plymouth that the

theft was noticed. By that time, another

Selfridges account had been opened and £1,000 spent. The thief fled to

Amsterdam where he continues to use

the stolen credit card at shops and

hotels without electronic security

equipment. British Transport Police

cannot afford extradition proceedings.

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organophosphate poisoning and claimed that there were no soldiers inside the tents when they were disinfected. The Ministry spokesman said that the spraying had

because it's an admission that they are going to do anything

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By Michael Evans
Tence correspondent

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examine allegations that Brit-ish soldiers without proper protective clothing used dangerous pesticides during the Gulf War to destroy diseasecarrying insects.

The allegations follow the announcement last week by Nicholas Soames, the Armed Forces Minister, that pesticides containing organophosphates were used in large quantities to spray tents and other military equipment to protect British soldiers from flies and other insects in the desert in Saudi Arabia.

A report by Sergeant Antho ny Worthington of 4 Armoured Brigade, who was apparently responsible for environmental health for the brigade during the Gulf War. claimed that spraying was carried out by soldiers wearing no protective clothing. A Ministry spokesman said

that under normal procedures personnel involved in pesti-cide spraying would have worn protective clothing. An investigation was under way to discover whether accepted procedures were ignored dur-Senior Ministry officials

have insisted that only a small number of military personnel might have been affected by

played an important role in the "remarkable" control of disease among British troops.

Mr Soames's announcement has been seized upon by associations representing veterans suffering from so-called Gulf War syndrome. Eddie Blench, founder member of the Gulf Veterans' Association, said: "I want to see some" proper medical treatment and compensation for veterans. This is another step forward, but it doesn't mean to say

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Top private schools fear 'Oxford chaos' will hit students

By David Charter, education correspondent

LEADING independent schools fear some of their best students will miss out on a university place at Oxford because the new entry system is "in chaos".

The Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference said that the selection of the first intake of undergraduates since the abolition of the university's entrance examii sion was being disrupted.

Tutors in several major disciplines such as history and law have disagreed how to pick students, leaving sixth formers facing different combinations of tests and interviews depending on which college they apply to.

The conference, which met

in closed session last week, represents 250 prominent independent schools. It is also concerned that, at popular colleges, the number of interviews will mean strong candidates are rejected too late to stand a chance elsewhere.

In February, the colleges voted by 24 to six to scrap the entrance examination and chose students by interview and school report because they thought it would encourage more applications from state schools. Admissions officers admitted yesterday there would be teething problems. but said some schools opposed the change because they bene-xied from the old system.

The number of new places given to independent school candidates at Oxford rose last year from 46.4 per cent to 47.4 per cent with a rise of 3 per cent in applications. Camance, attracting far more applications from state schools since it scrapped its entrance examination.

Tony Evans, the conference chairman, said: "Oxford is in a fair amount of chaos at the moment. There is concern that it has decentralised its system and has not really thought it through. Some colleges have broken away and are operat-

ing their own way." Applicants for history will have to do formal tests at three colleges: Brasenose, Lincoln and Magdalen, where course tutors disagreed with their faculties approach. Elsewhere they would be interviewed.

In most of the sciences there will not be formal tests. In law and English, the colleges are split between those who will test candidates before interviewing them and those who will base judgments on interview alone.

Mr Evans said the college based entry system remained "a lottery" and should be replaced by applications sent directly to faculties. He said schools had little idea how many places each college had to offer in different subjects, because of commitments to gap year students.

Mr Evans added: "I think the system is an extraordinarily unequal one at both Oxford and Cambridge. You could be a very bright candidate, go in for a college which is very oversubscribed, and then go into a pool where they just sink. It is a complete lottery.

"We do not have any worry about discrimination against independent school candi-

dates. This is not a discrimination against class or school background. There is a total lack of co-ordination and therefore serious damage inadvertently to those who can mose benefit from the system. We know they genuinely want the best, they are just going about it the wrong way."

His concerns were shared by Manchester Grammar School, which sends 50 students a year to Oxford or Cambridge. Martin Stephen, the high master said: "We have no problem about the numbers of pupils accepted by Oxbridge. We do have a problem about the quality. The increased emphasis on interview when this is the only method of selection is tending to lavour those who kiss the blarney stone over those with the biggest brains."
Professor John Stein, admis-

sions tutor at Magdalen College, Oxford, said: "The main reason we changed was because we felt the old system was benefiting the independent schools. We felt they had a higher chance of getting in on the entrance exam because they could teach for it."

He added: "The schools do not like change. A lot of them are extremely successful at getting people into Oxford because they know how the system works and they were adept at teaching people to do well in the system. Many schools have treated Oxbridge as their private tertiary college. But we are looking for the people with the most academic potential and we do not care





Parents win unfair dismissal claim for son driven to suicide by his sacking

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE parents of a welder who committed suicide after being sacked from the job he loved have won the case for unfair dismissal which he had begun before his death.

Maureen and Roger Smith took up the legal fight on behalf of their son Nathan, 22, who killed himself 18 days before an industrial tribunal was due to hear his claim for compensation. Mr Smith, who was regarded as an "exemplary" employee, left a note which read: "It's all too much to bear. I can't go through with it."

He had been sacked six months earlier from the job he had held since leaving school for kicking a faulty coffee machine. The incident was witnessed by David Bateman, son of the firm's general manager, who told the tribunal: "He was kicking the machine out of sheer anger.

The tribunal heard that Nathan lost his temper with the work's coffee machine last November after he attempted to buy a cup for himself and David Bateman and kicked it when it took his money but failed to dispense

the second cup. He was taken to the manager's office, suspended and sacked the next day for gross misconduct from the £220-a-week job. When he wrote asking to appeal, John Bateman replied: "There is no way we would change our decision."

The tribunal unanimously ruled the sacking had been unfair and awarded his parents £1,700. Catherine Tribe. the chairman, said: "It certainly wasn't dismissed without being given an opportunity to state his case.

Maureen Smith, 48, said yesterday:
"I wanted to see justice done. It's the last thing I could do for my son. He was absolutely devastated when they sacked him." Her husband Roger, 51, added: "The day he was sacked he came home and said he felt like killing himself. He loved his job."

Nathan Smith, from Northampton, had left school at 16 and got a job at Franklin Silencers Ltd in the town. He went on day release to college each week and gained ten City and Guilds certificates, many with distinctions.

Giving evidence at the tribunal, Danny Wisenberger, the manager, claimed that in the few months before his dismissal the welder had started to

cause trouble. But under cross-examination, he admitted: "Most of the time he was an exemplary employee." Mrs Smith said she had received no

apology from the firm at the tribunal

hearing in Bedford on Friday. "They

have never had the decency to apologise. I'm just glad they've been hit where it hurts — in the pocket." The couple could take up the case because of a rarely used section in the Employment Rights Act 1996 which says that "any appropriate person"

can continue proceedings. An inquest in Northampton in July heard how Nathan had low selfesteem and was pushed to suicide by his sacking. He hanged himself at home from a metal bar he used for exercising after a previous attempt

Universities count the cost as students resort to legal action

By Frances GIBB. LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

UNIVERSITIES and colleges took legal advice because a suing his university for breach are faced with mounting costs from a sharp rise in timeconsuming legal actions by students over issues ranging from examination results to

security on campus. One student threatened legal action over damage to her car after driving over a carpark barrier. Last year, students at the University of East rglia sued the university when it turned off the heating in the summer term for maintenance work. They won £13,000 damages in the county court. The previous year, students at the university doing the MA in creative writing

novelist supervising their dissertations had not been present as much as they had expected. The dispute was resolved without recourse to egal action.

Students' claims are often funded by legal aid, and many actions are being settled before they reach the courts. Universities and colleges are having to take extensive legal advice and re-examine extent of their liabilities.

A university administrator in the Midlands receives two letters of complaint a week from students. One student who suffered depression is of contract. He alleges failure to provide adequate pastoral care or adequate opportunity for him to resit examinations. He is seeking a judicial review of the examination board's decision to fail him.

The Birmingham-based law firm Martineau Johnson has about 60 educational institutions as clients. Its education department has seen its workload soar by 500 per cent in four years. Simon Arrowsmith, head of the department. said: "There is a growing awareness among students of their 'rights' and an increasing willingness to litigate."

£100m giant

aquarium

planned for

Docklands

By Carol Midgley

THE owners of London Zoo are seeking a £50 million

grant from the National Lot-

tery to build the world's largest aquarium in London

The Zoological Society of London has submitted an

application to the Millennium

Commission to build the

250,000 sq ft aquarium at Royal Victoria Docks, close to

City Airport. The Docklands

Aquarium would be larger

than those in Tampa, Florida.

Although the society esti-

mates that the project will cost

£100 million it hopes to raise

the remaining £50 million

from donations, sponsorship and bond issues. Several sites are under consideration in-

cluding the south side of

Tower Bridge and the area opposite the Greenwich Mil-

lennium Park. But the soci-

ety's preferred location is

A spokeswoman for the society said: The emphasis

will not be on leisure and

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vation and education on a

Royal Victoria Docks.

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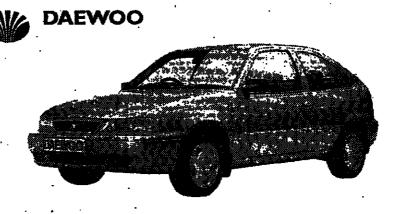
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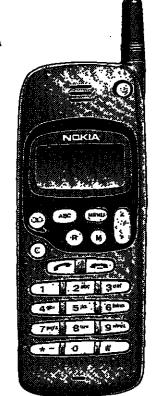
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victims lose

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Haemophiliacs who contract. ed hepatitis C from infected blood during NHS treatment will not receive compensation The Department of Health

has told campaigners it was refusing to pay because the

treatment was not negligent.
About 3,100 people are

known to have been affected

during the 1980s. It is estimate

ed that 60 people have died

after being exposed to the virus, which causes cirrhusis of the liver and can lead to

cancer. Many others have been left seriously ill.

Police injured >

Seven police officers were

injured as they tried to control a disturbance involving more

than 100 people outside a restaurant in Runcorn, Ches-

hire. One was slashed with a

craft knife. Five men were

Veterans' plea

Five Saskatchewan Indians

who served in the Second

World War have flown to

London to urge opposition to

European Union plans to ban

fur imports. The Indians want

the EU to help to develop

humane trapping standam

Jet skier killed

A 24-year-old jet skier died after his machine hit a speed

boat on Pick Mere lake Cheshire. The man, who has

not been named, died in hosp-

ital in Manchester. The boat

was towing a water skier at the time of the accident.

Glaring problem

The Civil Aviation Authority's to investigate claims by air traffic controllers at Jersey airport that they are being

dazzled by sunlight reflecting

off the glass roof of a £23 mil

lion departure hall due to one

Waterfall death

A woman fell 80ft to her death

from the top of a waterall

while walking with friends,

Police said Christine McCann

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Tories' division on war leader's Euro-scepticism traced to wine-stained piece of paper

Churchill's doodles lead Europe debate round in circles

A WINE-STAINED sheet of paper, rediscovered after 40 years at the back of a drawer. may offer a clue as to whether Sir Winston Churchill was a

Many of man's greatest ideas are born as doodles on the back of an envelope. Churchill, explaining his vision of Britain's position in a postwar world to a fellow dinner guest, drew three interlocking circles representing respectively the British Em-pire, a united Europe and the English-speaking world. The area of overlap in the centre

was Britain. What Churchill really meant has exacerbated a row between Tory Cabinet ministers and the party's elder statesmen. In a speech last month to mark the fiftieth anniversary of Churchill's call in Zurich for a united Europe, Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, portrayed him as a Euro-sceptic. "We did not follow exactly Churchill's call for a United States of Europe. Nor is it the case that Churchill expected or wanted Britain to be part of a such a

united states, if it was created," Mr Rifkind said. The speech drew a swift response from Sir Edward Heath, rejecting the notion of Churchill as Euro-sceptic. I am sure Churchill would now favour a policy that enabled Britain to be at the heart of the



Churchill: dry run for the party conference

European Union," Sir Ed-

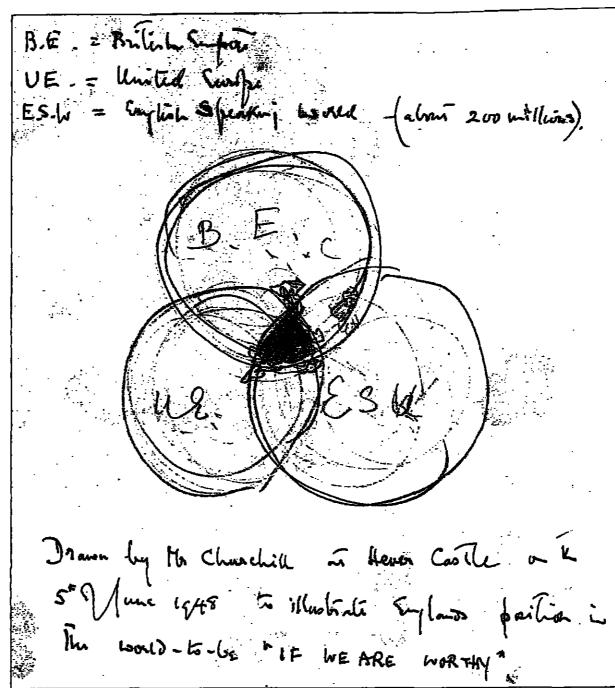
Experts are in no doubt that the dinner-table doodle of Britain's place in a postwar world is genuine, and that the scrawled initials in each circle are in Churchill's own hand. It is thought to have been drawn for the benefit of Cuthbert Orde, a prominent wartime artist noted for his paintings of RAF fighter pilots who also executed portraits of wartime

leaders, including Churchill. Beneath the drawing is an inscription in another hand. assumed to be that of Orde: Drawn by Mr Churchill at Hever Castle on the 5th of June 1948, to illustrate England's position in the worldwe are worthy"." Churchili was a frequent visitor to Hever, home of the Astor family, who then owned The Times and who were near

well. It was one of his favour-

ite spots for painting. The drawing was given by Orde in 1956 to Lady Dundas, whose husband Group Cap tain Sir Hugh Dundas, now dead, was a noted wartime Spitfire pilot painted by Orde. "Orde was doing a portrait of our six-year-old son at the time, and he just gave me this scribble as a memento. I have kept it in a drawer ever since," Lady Dundas said yesterday. She retrieved it during the recent political controversy as to what Churchill's views on a united Europe might have been today, and showed it to

As Sir Martin Gilbert. Churchill's biographer, explains below, the drawing was a kind of simplified dryrun in preparation for that October's Tory party conference at Llandudno. "It is sterile to wonder what Churchill's stance on Europe would have been today — the man died in 1965," Sir Martin said yesterday. "But he was not by nature a sceptical person, he was a visionary. His aim at the time was to get Europe together again after its division by the war. He definitely believed that the nations of Europe should work together. The particular issue of the time was that France and Germany should sit down together. In the end he was a believer in ultimate world



'We are with Europe but not of it, linked but not comprised'

WINSTON CHURCHILL'S vision of the "three great circles among the free nations and democracies" had Britain as a central and linking factor. Churchill told the 1948

Tory party conference in Llandudno: "You will see that we are the only country which has a great part in every one of them. We stand, in fact, at the very point of junction." Britain, he said, positioned as it was at the "centre of the seaways and perhaps of the airways also", had the opportunity to join the circles. He hoped that the country would "rise to the occasion in the

In 1933, Churchill had creat-

perhaps not irrelevant to the single European currency debate. At dinner with one of President Roosevelt's sons, he called for a piece of paper. drew on it, and handed it to the son, asking him to take it to his father. "Tell him this must be the currency of the future." It showed the pound and dollar signs intertwined.

united Europe with Britain acting as the link to the world's free nations, Martin Gilbert writes Europe to act collectively, and sensibly, if guided by Britain. In July 1914 he proposed a

European summit to pull back

from the brink of war. After

the defeat of Germany in 1918

he proposed "new relations,

new co-operation with Ger-

many in the further recon-

struction and rebuilding of

Europe". In his "three great

Winston Churchill saw a

visaged a future for Europe as "the majestic centre of world security and later on of world co-operation, and finally of

world government".

Speaking in Zurich in 1946,
Churchill had urged France
and Germany to take the lead in creating what he called a continental United States of Europe, whose right "to live and shine" would be championed by Britain, the British Commonwealth, the United States, "and I trust Soviet Russia — for then indeed all would be well". In 1948, Churchill looked forward to what he called "the lowering and melting down of barriers of all kinds between countries, the

European'. We hope that all these will be the final, eventual and irresistible solvents of the difficulties which now condemn Europe to misery.

When he spoke to the Council of the European Movement in Brussels in 1949, he gave his support to a European Court of Human Rights. In a speech in Brussels in 1949 he stated that the supporters of a united Europe could not "rest content" with the division of Europe into two parts - "the free and the unfree". And he gave, as the slogan to follow: The Europe we seek to unite

Churchill's vision was of a Europe where west and east

national structure, with Britain, the United States and if possible a non-confrontational Russia, as sponsors and guarantors of European security. In a newspaper article in 1938 he wrote of Britain: "We are with Europe but not of it. We are linked but not comprised. We are interested and associated, but not absorbed."

Where did Churchill stand on the question of a united Europe and sovereignty? Forty-eight years ago, as a co-President of the United Europe Movement, he commented about the plan for European federation: "It is said with truth that this involves some sacrifice or mergit is also possible and not less agreeable to regard it as the gradual assumption by all the nations concerned of that larger sovereignty which can also protect their diverse and disfinctive customs and characteristics and their national traditions, all of which under totalitarian systems, whether Nazi, Fascist or Communist. would certainly be blotted out

for ever.' perhaps where we now stand.

Sir Martin Gilbert was appointed Churchill's official biographer in 1968 and is author of the definitive eight-

48. of Fulwood, Lancashire appeared to have strayed from a path at Thornton Force in the Yorkshire Dales. This "larger sovereignty" is Thiet's mistake A thief who stole a radiomicrophone during filming of the Antiques Road Show at Bebington, Merseyside, wa caught when he failed to

realise that the £2,000 mile was switched on. He tracked by a sound engineer.

Climber falls A climber died after falling 300ft from Aonach Eagach a narrow mountain ridge in the Scottish Highlands. The body of Euan Minto, 26, from Vauxhall, south London was recovered by Glencoe mountain rescue team.

Early arrivals

Thousands of pink-footed geese, driven from their nest ing sites by a volcanic eruption in Iceland, have arrived in northern Britain almost three months early. Most have land ed at the Martin Mere nature reserve near Southport.

Eden's medicine cabinet reveals a curious choice of sedative

allegedly unpredictable and amphetamines. Chips Channon's diary irascible behaviour by Sir Anthony Eden while Prime makes it clear that before the Minister to a combination of 1939 war amphetamines were not regarded with distrust. the stress of coping with the and it is quite possible that Suez emergency and bouts of Eden had a supply that he acute liver disease. Liver disease can have a used occasionally. Even in the

marked effect on personality. 1950s amphetamines Less charitable historians, readily prescribed. however, have blamed am-It is reported that Lady phetamines for Eden's unpre-Avon, Eden's widow, is keen dictability. It was rumoured to remove this slur on his that he took stimulants by day memory. His medical records have been destroyed but his to give him the confidence to face an increasingly hostile two regular doctors were not world, and sedatives at night the type to hand out stimuto counteract the sleep-delants wantonly. Lady Avon





Dr Thomas Stuttaford

recalls that Eden did not take amphetamines until after the Suez crisis, when he was no longer in effective charge. She remembers that the household sleeping pills were Sparine, but so far as her

recollection goes it was she,

made use of them.

rather than her husband, who Sparine (promazine hydrochloride) was a most unusual choice for night-time sedation in a well-orientated patient.

The drug's primary role is as a

major tranquilliser to calm

tients. It is closely related to Largactil, the sedative often used in psychiatric units. Sparine's slightly different formulation was supposed to

make it less toxic to the liver, which is a problem with Largactil. The prescription of Sparine could thus accord with the action of good doctors who wanted to spare Eden more liver damage but also wanted to ensure that he

got a good night's sleep. It is not the type of sedation that would be given to paunless they were severely agitated, disturbed

irrational, although it would not be given to those suffering

from a long-term psychosis. No doctor would have prescribed Sparine to a patient with liver damage — because although less toxic than Largactil it does exacerbate liver disease — unless controlling their behaviour had become the prime objective of treatment. The use of Sparine provides support for reports of Eden's irrational behaviour at the time of Suez but does not, of course, suggest that this was necessarily made worse by amphetamines.



Eden on the night of his resignation in 1957

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■ In 1986 Lord Tebbit, then Tory chairman, masterminded a conference that transformed the Government's fortunes, leading to a big election victory. The opportunity is there today, he tells Peter Riddell and Philip Webster

ohn Major and Tony Blair will be forced to declare their hand on a single European currency before the or else they will be "smoked out" during the campaign. So argues Norman Tebbit, speaking as much as ал analyst as a politician. Although still a fierce combatant when he wants to be, Lord Tebbit was in reflective and occasionally mischievous mood when he talked to us at St Ermin's Hotel, that London centre of political intrigue. On the eve of the Conserva-

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tive Party conference, Lord Tebbit argues that the Prime Minister should play to his strengths in the coming campaign. These are "not as a great platform speaker, but in face-to-face encounters". He believes Mr Blair's weaknesses have begun to show and expose him a little more than would have been the case six months ago. Blackpool had just a little perfume of Sheffield [Labour's triumphalist rally during the 1992 election campaignl about it."

Contrary to the firm intention expressed by Mr Major in The Times on Saturday to leave all options open on a single currency. Lord Tebbit does not see "how either party is going to get through the campaign saying they have not made up their mind whether to enter in the first wave". "Interviewers will say to

both Mr Major and Mr Blair that it is clear if you are Prime Minister you will have to prepare legislation to enable us to enter a single currency within six weeks of polling day. So what is it that you are going to discover in these six weeks that will decide you on that issue? It will be difficult for either party to sit on the The danger is that Labour

The Government, he sugested, should try to upstage Labour by declaring in this autumn's Queen's Speech that it intends to introduce a Bill before the election for a referendum on a single currency. It would be put on the statute book for use only if a Cabinet decided to recommend entry to the single currency, but it would put Labour on the spot. They would be unable to vote

the Bill down. Lord Tebbit suggests that Britain might take the leadership of the "outs" - the countries that stay outside any European monetary union. Even if Britain publicly ruled out joining, he claims, "there is nothing in the [Maastricht] treaty which would allow us to be pushed out of the discussions. You are not required to he committed to being a member of the first wave, or to be a member at any time, to be included in the negotiations on how you set it up. Ken Clarke had something

when he said it was pathetic not to be able to decide. The grandees have something when they said Britain should lead. But you cannot lead from a position of saying 'l have not made up my mind." Lord Tebbit would like par-

nicipation to be permanently and democratic reasons. "I would be prepared, for the purposes of the next election that, whatever arguments there are for a final decision, we would not take part in the first wave, which is the same as saying we would not enter."

opposition of a handful of Cabinet ministers is preventing a commitment against entry in the next Parliament. That would be electorally attractive. Should Mr Major be prepared to face the risk of resignations? Lord Tebbit says he would regard the departure of Mr Clarke as "a great loss. Not too many members of the present administration are household names or immediately recognisable in the street.

"It is a safe bet that if I walked through a shopping centre with a member of the Cabinet I would have been recognised by more people than the Cabinet member. To lose Ken in that sense would be a tragedy because he is such a good performer. I would be enormously sad. But if we are going to get smoked out during the campaign then surely the Cabinet has to make a decision; surely every member of the Cabinet has to decide his position on that."

Lord Tebbit has sympathy with Mr Clarke's warnings over tax. Whether people believe tax cuts are real and could not subsequently be reversed will depend on the presentation of his spending plans. If he were able to announce John Redwood's



Lord Tebbit thinks the public have become "slightly bored" by Tories of his and Michael Heseltine's vintage. Photograph: Peter Nicholls

Cabinet as rather dull. "A good many people are saying these Tory people are boring. They've been around a long time. Perhaps on the whole they're not quite as colourful as in 1986-87."

With a sly dig at Michael Heseltine, he says: "Michael and I are ten years older. The them to enliven themselves." They need "a sense of direction and to avoid giving the impression of merely marking

The Tories today return to Bournemouth, where ten years ago they held one of their most successful preelection conferences, master-

policies are "broadly the same but would be implemented more skilfully. There are not the same enormous differ-

However, he adds, with a twinkle: "All swords in politics are doubled-eged, aren't they? It's up to us to exploit the fact that Labour is no longer

military advice to attack at a place where there is a division of command. That is usually the weakest point. At the moment, it is the junction between Mr Blair and his party." The Tories, he sugpests, need to be careful about attacking Mr Blair himself, but there is scope to focus on

anoroach to Labour, "By common consent our welfare structure is not a solution to the problem of poverty, it is part of the problem. Yet we have not been doing any of the radical thinking we should have been. Peter Lilley has been doing a good job of managing within the existing structure. We have to be as radical in the approach to welfare as we became in our approach to nationalised industries. Has the welfare system undermined the family?

"We also need to redefine the relationship between national and local governemnt. It is commonly alleged that the Government has been centralising and taking power away. Sooner or later we have to move away from concepts like rate-capping and put the responsibility on those who are authority. Rate-capping helps local councils escape responsibility."

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they're told 'we're going to be

stiff and starchy about this

because there isn't any more

money." Lord Tebbit identifies three

areas where the Tories need to

do more and have a different

William Rees-Mogg. Matthew Parris, and Peter Riddell, page 22 Letters, page 23

My ally Clarke will stay at No 11, says PM

POLITICAL EDITOR

THE Prime Minister bluntly rejected demands from the Tory Right for Kenneth Clarke to be sacked to help the party's election prospects. Right-wing Conservatives

have been arguing that with a new Chancellor the Government could ahnounce big tax cuts in the Budget and rule out joining a single currency during the next Parliament. Interviewed on BBC1's

Breakfast with Frost. John Major said: "Ken Clarke is a very close ally of mine. He's a very old and long-standing friend of mine. He's also an excellent Chancellor. He's produced the best economy and the best economic prospects we have had in this country for a very long time indeed. Ken Clarke is going to stay as Chancellor of the Exchequer. Mr Major strongly de-

fended his wait-and-see policy on the single currency, saying that Britain could stay in negotiating up to the "59th minute of the last hour". Britain would be affected by the single currency, whether or not we joined, he said. "If the single currency failed, "it would make the failure of the exchange-rate mechanism look like a teddy bears' picnic. The fanciful belief that we could say 'no', sit on the sidelines and there would be no side-effects for the UK simply isn't true.

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We will stay in those nego tiations because it is in Britain's national interest that Britain's voice is represented in those negotiations, because whether in the event we go into a single currency, or stay out, our interests will be affected. So there's no point in pushing. We are staying in the negotiations, and I just hope colleagues will accept that."

Explaining that, having grown up in a Labour area, he understood "traditional Labour" better than many Tories did, Mr Major said that today Labour seemed to be "a party that has lost its soul". People knew that Labour wanted to be in power and that they would do anything to that end. "But what do they stand for these days?" One knew where Labour was in the past: "For all its failures it had many virtues. You knew what the Labour Party cared for, It didn't exist by soundbites . . . it may have been bonkers, it often was, but they said this is what we believe'.

Behind the "smiling public face" of Labour there were the dirty tricks . . . while one thing is being said front of house by the Labour leadership, quite different things are being said and done by those who wish to put a particular slant on the news behind them." Any Labour member who spoke out of turn, like "poor Clare Short", had to issue a retraction.

He dismissed newspaper reports that a group of leftwing Tories were considering co-operating with Labour in the event of the Tories being taken over by a Euro-sceptic leader after an election defeat, as "unter rubbish".



A failed single currency would be a disaster for Britain as well as Europe, says John Major We must not allow EMU to be fudged



Despite the arguments advanced by the Prime Minister in Saturday's Times, Lord Tebbit wonders how he and Tony Blair will get through the forthcoming general election campaign without saying whether Britain should be among the first wave to enter a European single currency

billion spending cuts, that would make tax cuts realistic and sensible. If, on the other hand, there is a substantial borrowing requirement he has to be careful about how he offers tax cuts. My preference has been for reducing expenditure as a way to tax cuts." Lord Tebbit sees the present

us and perhaps we do not he was party chairman. He from our policies." When we and over the expectations of have that same bite and freshness that we had ten years ago. The team is not fresh to the public. I would certainly not advise the Prime Minister to dismiss half his Cabinet. It would be highly dangerous from every point of view. He has to encourage

acknowledges that the challenge is different now. In 1986-87. Labour was "offering a change, offering radically different policies". And the Tories responded by presenting themselves as the party of continuous change. But, now, Labour's stance is to say its

suggest that it is a case of Tory measures, Whig men", he agrees and suggests," If you want Tory measures, you're safer to vote for Tories. These people [Labour] are Johnnycome-latelys. Lord Tebbit sees an oppor-

tunity. "It is always good

and activists. "If health service workers are not going to be offered big pay rises why should they be voting Labour? What's the inducement? I suspect that at one level they're being told 'nod, nod. wink, wink, you'll get the

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A £6 BILLION plan to slice

England in two with a canal

that would rival the Panama as an engineering feat will be considered in earnest this

week. The largest civil engi-

neering scheme since the Channel Tunnel is intended

to create 300,000 jobs and bring prosperity to one of Britain's most economically

The project which would link Carlisle to Newcastle

upon Tyne along a 70-mile route, would be linked with a new road forming a barrage across Morecambe Bay and

the Solway Firth, two of the country's most important

The idea for a canal along a similar route was first sug-gested 200 years ago but the

arrival of the steam age made

it uneconomical. The consor-

tium planning the new canal believe that it can provide

cheaper and more environ-

mentally friendly transport

than rail or road. Environ-

mental groups, however,

describe it as a threat to one of

the last remote and unspoilt

The scheme is the brain-

child of Dennis Russell, 60. a

retired Manchester engineer,

who was sufficiently encour-

aged by a chat he had about it

with John Major to forward

his ideas for consideration to

Sir George Young, the Trans-

port Secretary. Sir George

wrote back thanking him for sending in the exciting

project" and Mr Russell set

about forming a consortium

AMEC Civil Engineering

agreed to join the project.

We have been very encour-

aged by the public response to

the idea," the company said.

"There is no firm proposal

and we have yet to carry out a

feasibility study to see if it is

worth carrying out a full

feasibility study, but reactions

so far have been fairly posi-

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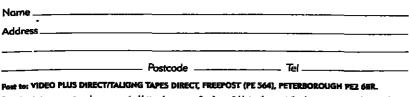
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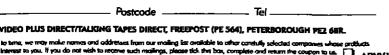
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Plan for English

'Panama canal'

way across the Pennines, up to 300yd wide, were studied last week by chief executives of the Northern England Assembly of Local Authorities. They noted the report and sent it forward for a meeting of assembly council leaders on Thursday.

They decided this was one for the politicians to consider." Neil Meacham, the assembly's assistant secretary. said. "There is a resistance to using roads in the region, but we would have to consider whether there would be enough trade to justify such an enormous project."

Cumbria County Council will be the first to receive full details of the project. On October 24 the council's economy and environment committee is to be given the outline plans by Mr Russell and his consortium, which also includes the Water Research Centre in Swindon. Hyder Consultants of Guildford, and Multi Design Con-

sultants of Stockport. Bill Minto, the council leader, is strongly supporting the idea. The country would have stood still for the past two centuries if everyone had ridiculed grand ideas," he said. He believes the canal will bring jobs, prosperity and tourists to the region. cutting the 40ft deep water- Environmental groups see the the most unspoilt stretches of English countryside, destroying the habitat of birds, fishes and rare wildlife, ruining the intricate system of rivers draining the Pennines. The route would go through the World Heritage Site around Hadrian's Wall and turn Ullswater and Windermere

Mr Russell's preliminary report foresees the canal as a main artery of traffic, able to handle barges carrying 15,000 tornes of cargo on a shortcut route from the Irish Sea to the Continent. A new generation of roll-on, roll-off semi-submersible ferries with deep draught for oceans and shallow draught for waterways would allow cargoes to be transported throughout a linked canal system all over

The only large structure he believes would need to be demolished is the Gateshead/Newcastle swing bridge. Other bridges includ-ing the Tyne Bridge at Newcastle, might have to be enlarged but, he says, they already need replacing.

Although the plans have yet to be published, environmental groups are lining up to condemn them. A confidential report for the Environmental Agency says the scheme is "a deep slash across the fabric of England and Scotland's most environmentally and historically sensitive areas".

Around Hadrian's Wall the cut needed would be about 600ft deep for more than five miles. "Apart from the minor matter of the Wall being crossed by the channel at a couple of junctures, the impact of the world's largest building site cum opencast mine within yards of famous forts cannot be understated." Alistair Crowle, the RSPB's

Cumbria conservation officer. said: The whole habitat of a site which has 300,000 birds would be altered. There is no substitute place where these birds could go."



The route would be along a deep water channel linking lakes through Cumbria and Northumberland, starting at Port Carlisle. following Hadrian's Wall and the route of the A69 road passing Haltwhistle and Hexham to Newcastle and reaching the North Sea at Tynemouth



Confidential report condemns £6bn waterway scheme as deep slash across the nation's fabric

Canal building boomed until the advent of trains

Early ambitions lost out to cheaper railway

waterway across the Pen-nines between the Solway Firth and Tyneside was drawn up in 1794 by Ralph Dodd.

It envisaged cutting an 18-mile canal with 12 locks linking the Type with the Solway for a cost of £35,709. This was not considered feasible and William Jessop, one of the leading canal designers of the age, teamed up with William Chapman in 1795 to design a much more ambitious canal, 93 miles long. It would have

cost £888.000 to build. In today's terms that is equivalent to about £50 million. The cost was prohibitive

THE first plan to build a and the idea was dropped until 1807 when Chapman was asked to build a canal linking Carlisle to Port Carlisle.

This was finally opened in 1823, by which time rail transport was beginning to supersede canals as a popular form of moving heavy

In 1830 a railway line linking Carlisle with New castle upon Tyne was opened at a cost of £252,488, less than a third of the estimate for building the canal along the same route. The waterway idea has been reborn because of the decline in rail traffic and the switch of freight to the roads.

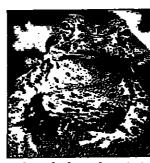
Project is threat to nature, warns conservation group

BY NICK NUTTALL ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONENT

ABOUT a third of the country's rare Natterjack toads, as 260,000 wading birds, will be lost if the canal and its associated barrages, roads and reservoirs are built, according to Friends of the

The pressure group claims the scheme is on a par with some of the world's most ecologically destructive proj-ects such as the Three Gorges Dam in China. It says the project would lead to the total destruction of two of Britain's biggest estuary habitats and would hit another two of international importance: the Solway Firth, Morecambe Bay, the Duddon estuary and

the Drigg coast. Matt Phillips of Friends of the Earth said that that at least 16 Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs), the beauspots which are the backbone of the network of nature conservation areas, would be destroyed or substantially damaged. These in-clude Ryton Willows in Tyne include Whamley Riverside on the Tyne, home to thrift,



Natterjack toads put at risk, say ecologists

and Wear, a pond and wetlands network famous for dragonflies, and scores of others in Northumberland such as Williamston River Shingle, which has "an unusual community of metaltolerant plants" such as spring sandwort and Alpine

Lambley River Shingles, on the south Tyne, is notable for narrow-lipped helleborine. and would also be devastated. Other SSSIs under threat include Whamley Riverside

bladder campion and the common spotted orchid; Tyne Waters Meet, regarded as a fine site for ground beetles such as Bembidion testaceum; River Tyne at Ovingham, known for its geology and Close House Riverside, home to hemlock

water-dropwort. In Cumbria. SSSIs under threat include Hallsenna Moor, a noted peat and sphagnum moss bog and Maryport Harbour, where proposed improvements to the dock threaten the nationally rare yarrow or purple

Many of the areas under threat are home to returning otters, said Mr Phillips, adding that more than 17 rivers, several of which are home to internationally important salmon and sea trout fisheries, will be affected. These include the Eden, Esk. Earnont, Gelt and March Burn. The pressure group also believes the landscape and heritage sites would be affected by the

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Wife begins campaign to progress free Briton kidnapped in Kashmir

By STEWART TENDLER

THE wife of a Briton kidnapped 23 months ago in Kashmir is launching a national campaign to help to set him free. She will also travel to India to appeal to his captors. Julie Mangan hopes to follow the example of Jill

Morrell's campaign to free John McCarthy in the Lebanon and increase public awareness of her husband Keith's captivity. He is one of a group of four men held by Al Faran Muslim militants in the Himalayan foothills,

Mr Mangan and his wife. both 34, had been married for ten years and had saved up for five of those to fund an 18month trip around India and neighbouring countries in 1995. She last saw him as he

was led away at gunpoint.

As well as Mr Mangan the armed separatists hold Paul Wells, a photography student from Blackburn: Donald Hutchings, an American; and Dirk Hasert, a German. The kidnappers threatened to kill their captives if jailed Muslim leaders were not freed, and Hans Ostro, a Norwegian, was beheaded.

Mrs Mangan said: "When Keith was first taken we just didn't know what was going on - we were working-class people suddenly thrust into the spotlight. Outside of Mid-dlesbrough few people have heard of Keith. We want to make sure everyone realises what is going on.

There have been many ups and downs but I am convinced that Keith is still alive and refuse to believe otherwise. I have spoken with John Mc-Carthy and Terry Waite and they have been very support-ive and encouraged me to keep

going."
Mrs Mangan is travelling to Kashmir in a fortnight's time. She has learned the language and will make appeals on television and radio and the BBC World Service. She hopes to prick the conscience of the kidnappers and secure Keith's release before winter sets in and the rebels make camp for months in the mountains.

MP urges in murder inquiry

By A STAFF REPORTER

THE people of Launceston are "frustrated and baffled" by the apparent lack of progress in the hunt for the killer of Caroline Dickinson, their MP said yesterday.

Paul Tyler is pressing Mal-colm Rifland, the Foreign Secretary, to ask the French authorities to disclose the extent of their inquiries into the schoolgirl's death in a hostel on a school trip to Brittany in July. Mr Tyler also wants a full statement about the progress of several other un-solved murders of British citi-

zens in France.
The Liberal Democrat MP for Cornwall North said: "Caroline's family, her friends and colleagues at the college, and indeed the whole community here, have been incredibly patient. But they can hardly be blamed for wondering what is going on, and demanding that our own au-thorities should find out."

In a letter to Mr Rifkind, Mr Tyler lists other unresolved cases involving Britons killed in France. Joanna Parish, a 20year-old student from Newnham, Gloucestershire, was raped and strangled in Burgundy in 1990; Paul Bellion and Lorraine Glasby, teachers from East Anglia, were found bound, gagged and shot in a field in 1990; Leslie Chorlton, 47, and his wife Bernadette, 30, were shot dead in the Dordogne in 1991. No one has been charged in any of these

Mr Tyler is demanding that the French authorities make a full statement on the progress of their inquiries. His letter states that the community of Launceston is also demanding answers from the French

authorities.

He said: "Inevitably, we are all baffled by the lack of progress and the apparent failure to act on similar incidents, before and since the Pleine Fougeres tragedy. There is a feeling that our own Government must again reassert the need for a sense of urgency and priority to be demonstrated in this case."

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Dole tests character of Clinton in TV battle

IN JUST 90 minutes last night. Bob Dole attempted to transform the face of the election in a presidential debate that his advisers saw as the last best chance to reverse the Republican

candidate's fortunes for next month.
Indeed the Dole campaign considered the exchange in Hartford, Connecticut, so important that all decisions about television advertising and strategy for the final month of the election were delayed until the dust settled this morning.

Although historians have agreed that debates rarely alter the views of the American electorate, Republicans said Mr Dole's focus last night on President Clinton's character and record would succeed in concentrating the minds of what is an unusually

interested voting public. Only too aware of Mr Clinton's speaking skills and the inability of their own candidate to project his agenda. Dole aides had contemplated a number of theatrical gestures to upset the President.

Mr Dole was said to be considering an announcement that General Colin Powell, the universally popular former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, would be the senator's choice for Secretary of State: the two met for breakfast last week. Another notion to

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

deflate Mr Clinton's oratory was a form of psychological warfare to embarrass the President by placing one or two mystery guests "from the past" in the front row of the Hartford

Billy Dale, who was unceremoniously dismissed by Mr Clinton as director of the White House travel office in 1993 and has been the most vehement critic of both the President and Hillary Clinton, was said to be a

The Clinton campaign had prepared the President for various assaults on his character and a direct attack over the issue of drugs and drug-related crime. Teenage drug abuse has increased 80 per cent since he took office in 1992 and Mr Clinton admitted this weekend that he had received a memorandum from Louis Freeh, the Director of the FBI, which criticised the Government's anti-drug strategy as having never been properly

organised. At the same time, allegations have emerged in recent days over Mr Clinton's personal record and that of his staff. Emmett Tyrrell, editor of the American Spectator, claimed Mr Clinton was refusing to release his medical records because he was a heavy cocaine user in the early 1980s and

may have been treated for an overdose. Dennis Sculimbrene, a former FBI agent at the White House, alleged that 25 per cent of the incoming Administration had a "problem with illegal drugs". The second claim, however, became less of a political tool yesterday when John Buckley, communications director for the Dole campaign, was accused of smoking marijuana regularly while at

In preparation for the debate, both candidates had secluded themselves with large retinues of aides, image consultants, videos and books. The President, at a rural New York estate, held mock debates with George Mitchell, his Irish envoy, taking the role of Mr Dole.

The White House, attempting to dampen heightened expectations of Mr Clinton's performance last night, said that he had lost the first practice run by being too garrulous.

Mr Dole, at his Florida home, turned to Fred Thompson, a senator and former actor, to play the Democratic incumbent. George Bush, the former President and the only man with first-hand experience of debating against Mr Clinton, flew by private jet to offer last-minute advice to Mr Dole over cheeseburgers at his seaside flat.



President Clinton relaxes in an upstate New York bookshop

Snow White gets mini-camera to keep bodice pure

By QUENTIN LETTS

MINIATURE cameras are to be placed inside the costumes of some of the large-scale characters roam Walt Disney's theme parks. The company hopes that the cameras will reduce the number of attacks by overexuberant visitors on the actors who work inside costumes representing such stars as Mickey Mouse, Pluto and Snow White.

"People are grabbing at them all the time." said Rich Baker, a Disney official, "The characters get knocked down, Sometimes they are pummelled by teenagers."

In recent years, the weight of the costumes has been reduced, making life more tolerable for those - normally young actors — who work inside them. Disney has found ways of making the masks cooler, and also of improving the manoeuvrability of the

It is harder for the company to regulate the behaviour of its customers, from the youngsters who grab at the plastic bee suspended over Winnie the Pooh's head to the adult guests who, full of bonhomie (and sometimes more), make a grab for Snow White's bosom. Some visiting fathers have even been known to whisper improper suggestions to her.

The Pooh problem has been solved by getting rid of the bee; for other complaints, the new cameras should help. The Sr Petersburg Times reported that the devices will be as small as ballpoint-pen caps. They are similar to those that are used by undercover television documentary makers.

The cameras will transmit images to a pair of spectacles worn by the actor inside the costume, enabling him to see what is happening on all sides. It will now be easier to avoid sitting on ice creams, and to detect approaching bottompinchers and other pests.

Initially, because of their high cost, installation of the cameras will be selective. The technological- advance was anounced as Disney celebrated 25 years of its theme parks, which have been visited by more than 100 million people.



Valulet, back in the air with many flights sold out

Safety concerns linger as airline takes off again

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN TAMPA. FLORIDA

AMERICA'S cheapest airline, ValuJet, has resumed commercial flights almost five months after the Everglades crash that killed 110 people.

That disaster put the airline under the safety spotlight. Scrutiny was applied to . elderly DC9s and low prices: yet, even as the airline's first flight prepared for takeoff last week, the American flight attendants' union was seeking to ground it in a federal appeals court. The union claimed that Valuet was "unsafe" and a danger to rall other airlines who must share the airspace".

The company's fares are low - \$39 (£25) this month to fly one-way from Atlanta to Florida or \$49 to make the haul to Washington DC. One area in which ValuJet saves money is nicketing paperwork. Passen-

reusable plastic boarding passes. Seats are on a first-come. firstgrabbed basis. Public opinion about the relaunched ValuJet has been divided. C.J. Bolster, an glanta resident

laiting for Flight 123 to Tampa, felt confident because it was likely to be "the most scrutinised airline right now". Another traveller at Atlanta Airport. Bud Bartelt, from Illinois, said he would not fly Valulet because he was more comfortable with the major air-lines". A blonde in the checkin queue had flown ValuJet "about 17 times" and enthused about the airline, saying:

They are my kind of people." Soon after the May Il crash. which may have been caused by oxygen canisters exploding. the US Federal Aviation Administration listed Valuler's failings. These included finding planes that: flew with a hole in the engine cowling: flew with hydraulic fluid leaking into the cockpit pressure gauge: and took off with a full load of passengers despite

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trouble with the front landing gear. It also raised questions about the training of some mechanics, said X-ray inspections of ValuJet planes were improperly conducted, and that one plane flew several flights with a broken cockpit windscreen. Another, which had been hit by lightning, remained in service without being checked, said the aviation administration.

In the days after the Everglades crash, Federico Pena, the Transport Secretary, came close to losing his job, and public confidence in air safety was dented. The media examined a spate of accidents .none fatal - that had befallen ValuJet.

In the cockpit of Flight 123. Lee Nell and Larry Skinner blamed politics for the prolonged grounding, "It's good to be back," said

Captain Nell **♦** A woman in He and Captain row 21 Skinner both ser-ved in the US Air produced a Force as fighter bottle of pilots. ValuJet employs several vodka to calm former air force flyers - who have 4,000 medher nerves 🤊 als between them

- which may explain incidents such as the ignored cracked windcreeen. Military types sometimes take a more robust approach to aviation.

There were 115 passengers and only three empty seats on Flight 123. Many ValuJet flights last week were sold out. The DC9, 32-series airliner was clean and comfortable. In some early turbulence a woman in row 21 produced a small bottle of vodka from her handhag to steady her nerves, but the drinks trolley soon came round and did brisk

cabin attendants. The Mary-Dawn and Fonzie, maintained wide grins throughout and, before landing, used the cabin PA system to conduct a trivia quiz. Prize: a sun visor bearing the jaunty Valulet logo of a plump, smiling DC9.

"We're Back" said a leaflet in the seat pockets. It included an essay on the durability of DCos and the announcement that Valulet has appointed a "safety tsar". General James B. Davis (retired), the former Chief of Staff of Nato Supreme

Allied Powers Europe. Wall Street, too, has kept faith with the airline, and when fights resumed company stock rose by more than \$2 to close at almost \$13. Tomorrow.

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Taleban lays siege to fleeing forces in mountain battle

Afghan Government fought for their lives yesterday in the mountains and gorges of their Panjshir Valley fortress in the Hindu Rush. Taleban shells and rockets, backed by helicopter gun-ships, pounded villages and small towns. The attack started at 4 am

on Saturday. Russian weapons, leftovers from another war, hammered the mountaintops in a battle for the high reaches. The explosions never stopped, while in the rocky hills men fought hand-tohand. Clouds of dust rose from the impact of doublebarrelled anti-aircraft guns pumping from the back of Russian Zil lorries. General Ahmed Shah

Masood, the ousted Government's defence chief, has long prepared for this decisive batile. If he loses it will bring humiliation to the Panjshir. If he holds his ground he will explode the myth of Taleban's invincibility and ensure that the Islamic army cannot unite the nation under its plain white flag. The shape of Afghanistan is at stake.

The patched and decrepit weapons that are besieging him have been this way before. In the 1980s troops from the former Soviet Union used them to pulverise the Panjshir, supported by carpet bombing and thousands of paratroopers, who were mostly picked off by snipers. The 250,000 people of the Panjshir, herders and fighters for 2,000 years, are a formidable enemy. The Russians never fully con-

quered them. The Panjshiris' morale was high then. This time the fighters are exhausted and demoralised. Many have abandoned General Masood, hero of the war against the Soviet Union, who fled to his redoubt 11 days ago after the Government collapsed. He is replying to the onslaught with



Christopher Thomas in the Panjshir Valley watches as Taleban takes on government forces in a fight to the finish

heavy artillery. The desert exploded around us as he targeted Taleban troops at the mouth of the valley, which he blocked with a rockslide last week by blasting the steep mountains on either side. That stopped Taleban taking in its tanks and big guns. Bulldoz-ers have been brought in to clear a way. It could be a long siege. This is Taleban's first big-

military confrontation. Throughout its remarkable two-year advance its opponents mostly meited away because people were sick of fighting after 17 years of war. Taleban's religious author-

ity proved more powerful than guns: perhaps General Masood will turn that around, although the odds are that

UN envoy in Kabul talks

Islamabad: The United Nations special envoy to Afghanistan left for Kabul yesterday for talks with Taleban, a UN official

Norbert Holl was expected to meet Mullah Muhammad Ghous, the acting Foreign Minister, but the official did not know whether the talks would include other Taleban leaders. Herr Holl has been trying to prevent any military confrontation between Taleban and General Rashid Dostum, the Uzbek militia leader who controls six northern Afghan provinces. (Reuter)

ultimately he will be ousted. Taleban's fighters, clutching both Koran and Kalashnikov clambered over the barren hills, engaging the Tajik de-fenders in an attempt to secure strategic points of the valley entrance, and by last night they had captured some high peaks a mile or two inside the 50-mile valley. Almost all Taleban are Pashtuns, the biggest ethnic group in Af-ghanistan: they and the Tajiks

are old foes. General Masood heads no mere army. The Panishir is a tightly-knit web of extended families, bonded by centuries of conflict with outsiders and by the struggle to survive in one of the world's toughest terrains and climates. Even to Afghans it is a fabled place because of its remarkable defiance of invaders.

Such is Afghanistan: a collection of jealous, suspicious, insular tribes and ethnic groups that make national unity all but impossible. Taleban has achieved substantial unity by bringing three-quarters of the country under Kabul's nominal writ. General Masood, like General Rashid Dostum, the Uzbek warlord in the north, stands in the way of extending that authority nationwide.

General Dostum and his 20.000-man army are standing back, waiting to see who wins. If General Masood is defeated, the general will be the next target.

Muhammad Mullah Ghous, acting Foreign Minister of the Taleban regime, said yesterday: "If his forces decide to fight, we are prepared to repulse them."

Pakistani leader accuses rogue police over her brother's killing







Benazir Bhutto, in London on her way home from the United Nations, hits back at her domestic critics Photographs by Des Jenson

Bhutto fears she is assassins' next target

BY MICHAEL DYNES

BENAZIR BHUTTO, the Prime Minister of Pakistan, has voiced fears that she could be the next victim in the blood sport of South Asian politics.

She is still shaken by the killing of her brother, Murtaza, in Karachi last month and the threat of imprisonment, execution and assassination faced by Pakistan's leaders is clearly uppermost in her mind. The death of her last remaining brother came exactly a year after the discovery of a plot in the armed forces to depose her, confirming fears of a systematic campaign to destabilise the country and bar her from office, she said.

"I got very scared after my brother's death," she told journalists at Claridge's on Saturday. "It's really eerie knowing there are people out there who can kill your brother when tent allegations of corruption and you are the Prime Minister."

Murtaza died during a gun battle with police in Karachi on September 20. The Prime Minister claimed that he may have been assassinated by rogue police elements.

Miss Bhutto, who had been estranged from Murtaza since he broke away from her Pakistan People's Party, said that she was in the process of becoming reconciled with her "baby brother" when he was killed. He knew there would be people "out to get him"

for patching up their differences.
With Pakistan threatening to implode in sectarian and ethnic slaughter. Miss Bhutto has been the subject of ferocious attacks from all political opponents, not least because she is the first female Prime Minister of a Muslim country. Battered by persis-

nepotism, she said it was time for Pakistan to establish a special prosecutor to investigate "everybody". Allegations of corruption traditionally have been used as a pretext to bring in the army, she said.

Both she and ber husband, Asif Ali Zardari, who is known as "Mr 10 Per Cent" and who was appointed Minister for Investment in August, have been the victims of a sustained campaign of political abuse, she said, adding: "Some charges are so ridiculous it makes my blood boil."

Claims that she and her husband have received "chunky amounts" of cash were a "vicious and malicious fabrication". Such allegations were invariably made by "big business and big bureaucracy" which wants "dictatorship not democracy", she said.

Bhutto said that she had a list of Pakistan's richest 250 families who were largely behind the corruption allegations. Perhaps it was time to investigate how much tax they paid.

She dismissed claims that Pakistan had armed and financed the radical Taleban militia in neighbouring Af-ghanistan, saying: "I would like to debunk the propaganda that Taleban is Pakistan's baby.

She added that it would be illogical and irrational for Pakistan to arm Taleban while the Government in Islamabad was heavily in debt. Her claims flatly contradict, however, repeated accounts by witnesses that arms and ammunition have flooded across the Pakistan-Afghan border towards Taleban strongholds in Kandahar in the past 30 months.

Israel talks tocus on Hebron pullout

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER

PEACE talks overseen by the United States and designed to rescue the Israeli-Palestinian accord from collapse began in a crisis atmosphere last night amid predictions that failure could plunge the Middle East into a new regional war.

The gravity of the situation, with both Syria and Egypt committed on the Palestinian side and engaged in a vicious battle of words with the Israeli Government of Binyamin Netanyahu, was reflected by the last-minute arrival in Israel of Warren Christopher, the American Secretary of State. and Dick Spring, the Irish Foreign Minister, represent-ing the European Union.

Top of the agenda at the talks was an attempt to reach agreement on the long-delayed withdrawal of Israeli troops from the tinderbox West Bank city of Hebron, which is holy to Muslims and

For the first time since the right-wing Government of Mr Netanyahu took over just 100 days ago, the talks - which



Israeli soldiers relax yesterday in Hebron as talks on their delayed pullout begin

will alternate between the Israeli and Palestinian side of the Erez border crossing between Israel and the Gaza Strip - will be continuous. with no deadline.

Mr Christopher, criticised in the Arab world for failing to impose sufficient pressure on Israel to implement the pullout which should have taken place in March, emphasised the need for rapid results after talks with Mr Netanyahu. He then went for a separate meeting with Yassir Arafat, President of the Palestinian Authority, to try to bridge the yawning gap between the two

One warning about the talks came from the leading Israeli commentator, Yosef Lapid, in the mass-circulation Hebrew daily Maariv. Under the headline "Hour of truth" he wrote: "If the Erez talks the Palestinian intifada will resume and the countdown to the next Middle

East war will begin." In Egypt, President Muba-rak delivered a stern warning about the dangers that would arise if the Israelis tried to alter clauses in the Oslo Accords. "The principle of renegotiation is a dangerous one. These are agreements that are internationally recog-

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nised. One must respect them or there will be a catastrophe." he said as the talks opened.

Reflecting deep anxiety on the Arab side that Mr Netanyahu wili attempt to use the talks as a means of stalling on the issue of Hebron where the 450 Jewish settlers living in the city centre are implacably opposed to even a limited Israeli redeployment — the Jerusalem Arab daily An-Nahar wrote: "Netanyahu cannot evade this time, and if he tries to stall and delay again, then he will be sentencing the whole peace process to

death causing disasters in the

Middle East region."

Arab doctor's cure for Hebron is removal of settlers

FROM ROSS DUNN IN HEBRON, WEST BANK

A PALESTINIAN doctor yes-terday prescribed what he said was the only cure for the divided town of Hebron, where Arabs and Jews live in fear and hatred.

Dr Salah Hashamaion demanded the forced removal of some 400 Jewish settlers who live in the centre of Hebron under the guard of Israeli soldiers. "They have to transfer the Jews out of here," he said. They can put them in (the nearby settlement of) Kirvat Arba.

Born and brought up in Hebron, he believes that the more than 100,000 Palestinian residents will continue to suffer as long as the settlers remain. He came out to join other Palestinians on a shopping spree yesterday as life began returning to normal again after the lifting of a week's curiew by the Israeli defence forces. The market was crowded and traffic jams filled the streets of Hebron. which has moved to the top of the agenda in peace negotiations between the Israelis and

the Palestinians. Hebron is the only large Arab town on the West Bank still under full Israeli military control. Palestinian residents here have been waiting for Israel to fulfil its pledge to redeploy troops in the city and allow for the entry of their own security forces.

Their sense of impatience grew last week during the curfew, when only Jewish residents were allowed freedom of movement. Except for three hours each morning. Palestinians were barred from

leaving their homes. These measures brought great shame on the Jewish state, according to a delegation of left-wing Israeli au-thors, poets and academics, who visited the city while the curfew was in force.

Sami Mikhael, an author told Mustafa Natshe, the Arab Mayor of Hebron, of his feelings. "As a Jew 1 am ashamed to walk through the empty, blockaded streets of this city under curfew and look into the eyes of the children peering at us from the windows," he said. Mr Mikhael accused the Govern-ment of Binyamin Netanyahu. the Israeli Prime Minister, of "just bringing fire and blood".

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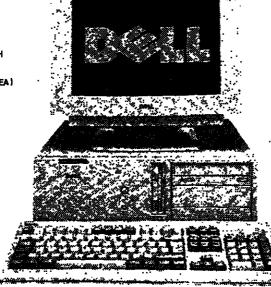
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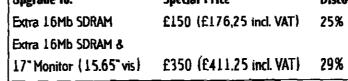






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Fears about Germany threaten France's Napoleonic influence in EU

hen the late Nicho-las Ridley des-cribed monetary union as a "German racket" to dominate Europe, he ended his political career and began a Euro-sceptic fashion for identifying Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, as the source of all Britain's ills in the European Union.

Ridley had it wrong. At the root of many British difficulties in Europe lies not one country but a pair of them: France and Germany. For all its strains, the alliance across the Rhine still sets the EU



fail to. British Prime Minis ters have it easier. John Major left the weekend summit in Dublin without

scars because Germany and France wanted to avoid a fracas on the eve of the Tory conference and because they are still at loggerheads over

revising Maastricht. France and Germany's determination to improvise and muddle through apparently intractable problems has kept the relationship special since Charles de Gaulle and Konrad Adenauer decided it would be so in 1963. The alliance's durability persuades financial markets that the single currency will start despite the evident risks. Most alliances are made to advance or protect common interests; the Paris-Bonn relationship turns this principle unside down. After fighting three wars in a century. France and Germany set up an alliance to find common interests. "France has a German policy." André Fontaine, the veteran commentator, said. "She has no other."

he alliance is an end in itself: its purpose is to stay in existence. Underwritten by every American President, intimacy between Paris and Bonn has been a pillar of postwar peace. That

poses a recurrent problem for British statecraft. London can hardly complain about friendship between old ene-

two-country cartel which has cornered the market in ideas on what Europe should be. A few ideas have even been British Lord Howe's memoirs recall his difficult but successful drive to persuade Margaret Thatcher to sell a joint EU political initiative to Herr Kohl. The Chancellor came to a summit at Chequers, took away the ideas

and went quiet. A few weeks

mies, but in the EU Britain is

regularly wrong-footed by a

Franco-German initiative.

There have been noisy quarrels (over Yugoslavia) and silent tussles (free trade and nuclear tests). but harmony is always restored. Even when the power balance between the two states has so evidently shifted in Germany's favour, the machinery patiently tries to knit joint positions on majority voting, Malta or mush-rooms. Differences which cannot be eroded out of existence are not mentioned.

France has invested its

later, they resurfaced as a entire postwar identity in this one friendship. Building the European Economic Community around the Paris-Bonn axis put France in the most influential position it has enjoyed in Europe since the zenith of Napoleon's empire on the eve of the Battle of

Leipzig in 1813. The fall of the Berlin Wall pushed the countries closer. In exchange for allowing Germany to reunite. France would win some control over the Bundesbank inside a monetary union. Britain was irrelevant to the deal.

Far too late, French eco-

nomic leaders have begun to fret about what life may be like inside a currency zone designed and run along Bundesbank lines. France is liable to suffer higher unemployment and dislocation than Germany. Moreover, a single currency is likely to create a "core" Europe which excludes Britain, which is

France's closest military ally.
France has no strategy to deal with this dilemma, save to warn Britain that if forced to choose it will, as always, choose Germany.

GEORGE BROCK

Major sidelined as **Kohl and Chirac** sell 'grand vision'

BUREAUCRATS will be told to fix their sights on a grand Although Herr Kohl and M future union and not be lost in small print after the weekend

EU summit. The Continent's leaders decided to ignore British warnings about taking leaps in the dark Turning a deaf ear to the misgivings of John Major, Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, and President

Chirac of France led a chorus of satisfaction that the one-day session in Dublin had achieved its modest aim of injecting some political vision into the stumbling talks to redesign the Maastricht treaty. "We have blazed the trail." proclaimed M Chirac, the instigator of a session that had been deemed unnecessary by many other EU leaders.

Echoing John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, the leaders all promised to give a push to the negotiations at the inter-governmental conference which is revamping the EU before it is opened to a batch of new members from the East. Beyond the "British problem", all averred that the negotiations, begun in Turin last March, had become bogged down in detail. Herr Kohlspent much of the weekend ridiculing speculation that he wanted a scaled-down treaty. He promised that "Maastricht

Two" would be completed by

Chirac proclaimed the health of the EU's core alliance, German suspicions of the French President's unpredictable behaviour were audible. The leaders of smaller countries, such as Wim Kok, of The Netherlands, worried publicly about the existence of the necessary political will to reach the compromise required on such things as abandoning the veto.

However, the differences were eclipsed by a sense of common purpose among the other 14 in the face of what they see as British intransigence. With the British elections casting a long shadow over the Maastricht review. Mr Major was treated by the others more than ever like an awkward cousin who may soon be leaving the family", as

a Belgian official put it. A senior French official said there was no stomach for making Mr Major's life more difficult than it already was. "After all you don't shoot at ambulances," he said.

An ambassador from a big member state said Mr Major's colleagues hardly minded his decision to stay away from their closing dinner in Dublin on Saturday night because "they are resigned to his

absence from EU business at east for the next six months".

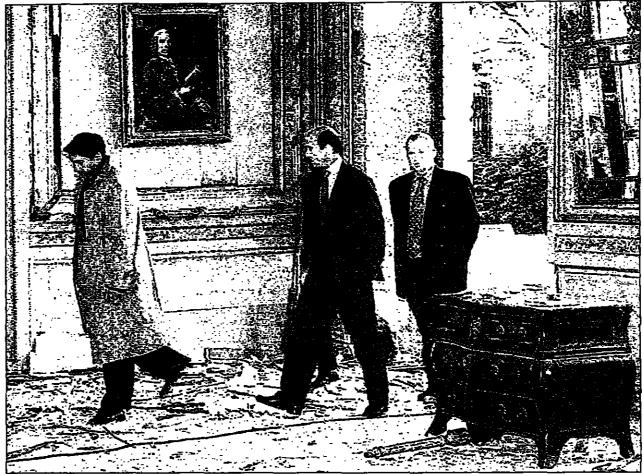
Mr Major restated Britain's opposition to any dilution of sovereignty. He also warned the other leaders of the dangers of rushing to fulfil visions. "There is no point in talking about a great leap forward unless people know precisely where you are leaping," he said. "What Britain is doing is not being recalcitrant. What Britain is doing is saying those matters have got to be properly assessed."

The atmosphere was soured early when Mr Major tackled Klaus Hänsch, the German President of the European Parliament, over an attack on Britain, which he made a day earlier. The Prime Minister said he had been offended by Herr Hänsch's accusation that Britain had blackmailed Europe in the "beef war" and was untrustworthy.

Herr Hansch had said: "I

fail to see why 14 governments should always have to sacrifice their vision of Europe ... to keep on board a government which may jump ship in any case." Mr Major told Herr Hansch to mind his own business and invited him to a British parliamentary briefing for the facts on Britain.

William Rees-Mogg, page 22



Alain Juppé, centre, inspects bomb damage yesterday at the Bordeaux City Hall, an 18th-century palace

Bomb shatters Juppé mayoral office

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

FRENCH police were bracing yesterday for a fresh wave of terrorist attacks after Alain Juppé, the Prime Minister, narrowly escaped a bomb blast in Bordeaux. where he is Mayor.

M Juppe had held a meeting in the City Hall just hours before the ground floor of the building was devastated by Letters, page 23 what police said was a powerful explosion on Saturday night. Investigators believe it was probably carried out by Corsican separatists. But detectives have not ruled out the possibility that it was the work of Islamic fundamentalists.

Security of potential terrorist targets in France is likely to be stepped up after a meeting this morning between M Juppé. Jean-Louis Debre, the Interior Minister. and Jacques Toubon, the Justice Minisfer. "I'm not a man to let myself be intimidated," said M Juppé after survey-

ing the wreckage at the city council building, an 18th-century palace.

Councillors who held an emergency meeting with M Juppe yesterday said that the damage was "spectacular". The bomb, placed on the rear steps of the City Hall, destroyed a room in which M Juppé had been working earlier in the day. Windows in surrounding streets were also blown out in the blast. "My flat shook and my glass of wine was knocked over," a local resident said.

Two killed by missile in Danish biker feud

FROM CHRISTOPHER FOLLETT IN COPENHAGEN AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

A MAN and woman were killed and at least 17 people were injured, three seriously, when an anti-tank missile was fired into a Hell's Angels party

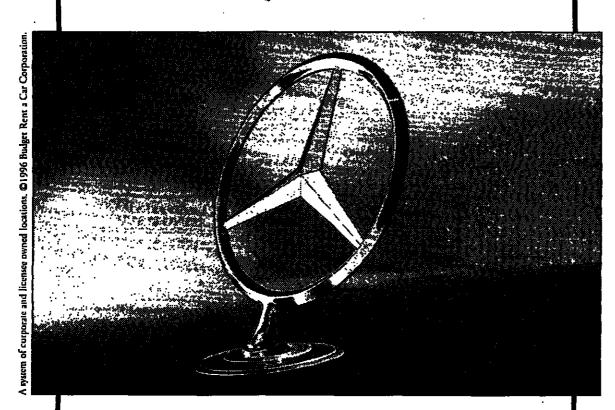
in Copenhagen yesterday.
Police in the Danish capital said the attack appeared to be the latest in a feud between the Hell's Angels and Bandidos biker gangs in Denmark, Nor-way. Sweden and Finland. The shoulder-fired missile tore through a beer tent in the backyard of the heavily-forufied clubhouse before hitting the building.

The annual Viking Feast was attended by at least 300 Hell's Angels, some from other countries. It had been under 🧐 police surveillance because of previous biker attacks. Police raids were immediately launched on Bandidos throughout Denmark.

The spent launcher and another ready for firing were found nearby. They were similar to 12 stolen from a military store in neighbouring Sweden in February 1994.

The gangs have waged a territorial war for almost three years. Nine people have died. Police think the groups have interests in drugs, prostitution and extortion. The Danish Government is rushing through a law to bar them from properties in residential areas because of the risk of further attacks.

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TIMES SPORT



Helissio romps home clear of the field to confirm his status as a true middle-distance champion at Longchamp yesterday. Photograph: Julian Herbert

French horse conquers Europe's finest to win Arc Helissio triumph hailed

INSIDE

POINTS OF ORDER

Colin Montgomerie may have confirmed his position as Europe's No 1 goller for the fourth consecutive year yesterday, but his obsession with winning a major championship and public expectation of his achieving that must still be kept in perspective. David Miller reports.



BREAKING POINT

Newcastle's 156-5 roul of Rugby Lions on Saturday set a Courage Clubs Championship points record. Rob Andrew explains to David Hands the reasons behind this season's scoring spice by rugby union's elite.

to the jewel in racing's middle-

FROM RICHARD EVANS

RACING CORRESPONDENT

AT LONGCHAMP

A SUMMER of discontent for

generation was transformed

into an autumn of pure gold

On a glorious afternoon,

one person could not bring

herself to watch her husband's

final hour. Marie Peslier, wife

of the winning jockey, was a member of a French television

team covering the race but she

said: "I was so nervous you

cannot imagine. I just left the studio to hear the race. I could

not watch it. When I heard

Helissio was two or three

lengths ahead I believed it and

just shouted 'come on, come

on: It has been such a pretty

But for the showmanship,

the official winning distance of

a long-looking five lengths

could easily have been dou-

bled. As it was, the finish -

with the opposition routed and

strung out like a line of

washing - looked more like

the end of a novice hurdle at

Triomphe.

winning post.

distance crown. Having made all the running, like the mighty Alleged in the second of his Arc racing purists who waited in vain for a true middle-distance victories in 1978, and dischampion from the classic played the acceleration of a Dancing Brave or Mill Reef, Helissio was last night being here yesterday, when Helissio proved himself one of the hailed as the finest winner of the Arc since the incomparagreatest winners of the Forte-Meridien Prix de l'Arc de ble Sea Bird in 1965.

"I don't know how you say

this in English but for me it The stunning annihilation was ooh-la-la-la. Today you of 15 rivals in Europe's presaw the best of the best," mier race was epitomised by Olivier Peslier, rider of the Peslier, the 22-year-old son of a stonemason, said. "He won French-trained colt, standing very easily and just ran better up in his irons for a jubilant and better throughout the victory salute to the Longchamp crowd at least 70 The story of Helissio's vicmetres before passing the

tory is easily told. Knowing he had the best horse in a race where a strong pace was far from certain, Peslier took the 1.8-1 favourite to the front after a furlong in order to avoid any

BIG-RACE DETAILS 2.50 FORTE MERIDIEN PRIX DE L'ARC DE TRIOMPHE

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(Group I: £527,009: 1m 4f)

3, Oscar Schindler chic Royal Acad-emy — Saraday 4-9-5 C Asmussen ALSO RAN: Classic Cluche, Darazen, Le Deslin (6th), Leeds, Leonila, Luna Wells (5th), Pentire, Polaris Flight (ft, Radewore, Shaamit, Swain (4th), Tamure, Zagreb, 16 ran 51, sh rik, 11. 1%1, %1 Trained by E Lellouche in France Pari-mutuel (inc. 1tr. stake):

Cheltenham than the climax scrimmaging, which invari-to the jewel in racing's middle-ably bedevils the Arc. Pilsudski, representing Michael Stoute and Walter Swinburn, travelled cosily in his slip-stream, while Zagreb, the runaway Irish Derby winner. hugged the rail in third place.

monster," Stoute commented after Pilsudski had deservedly For more than a mile, the leading positions remained unchanged. Still travelling held on to the runner-up spot. "I am delighted with my fellow; he has kept on improv-Ryafan raises standard ... 36 ing throughout the year but. unfortunately, we came across a machine. As soon as the

five, six lengths clear as he

quickened away from the field

and galloped into history.

After such rare moments of

genuine brilliance, it is often

left to those vanquished to put

"We were beaten by a

winner quickened, it was all

over. We were never going to

Swinburn, rider of the run-

get near him."

the feat into perspective.

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ominously well in front as the field made the long sweeping turn into the home straight, only Swinburn looked at ease aboard Pilsudski. And within a couple of strides he knew his fate. "Peslier let out a notch of rein and in two strides he was gone," Swinburn said after-

Suddenly, Helissio, trained by Elie Lellouche, was four,

race the whole way." But for a poor display of jockeyship in the French Der-by, which cost Dominique



Peslier salutes the crowd after his stunning victory

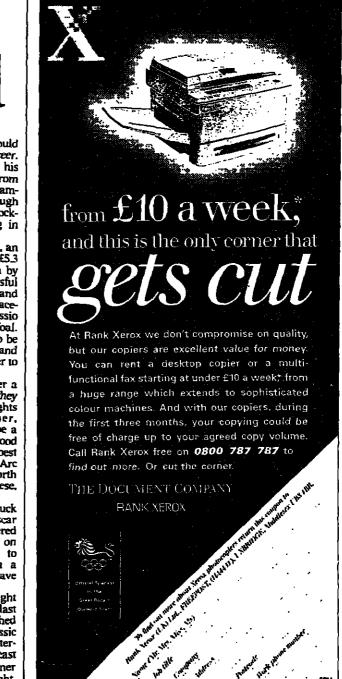
be unbeaten in his career. That undeserved blot on his record delayed Helissio from being acclaimed a true champion until last night, although it did not deter the bloodstockgreedy Japanese stepping in

with a recent bid. In the run-up to the Arc, an offer of \$8 million (about £5.3 million) was turned down by Enrique Sarasola, a successful Spanish businessman and chairman of Madrid racecourse, who acquired Helissio for just Ffr350,000 as a foal. The dollar sign is likely to be replaced by a pound sign and Sarasola may find it harder to

ner-up, concurred. "My fellow would have won nine out of As the Japanese consider a ten Arcs." Michael Hills, rider of tenth-placed Pentire, reflecttempting price tag, they should consider the thoughts ed. "The winner controlled the of Helissio's trainer, Lellouche. "He may not be a Sea Bird, but he's a very good horse, perhaps the second-best ever." If Lammtarra, the Arc winner last year, was worth \$30 million to the Japanese, what price Helissio?

If there was a hard-luck story, it belonged to Oscar Schindler, who encountered all sorts of trouble early on before coming from last to snatch third place. With a clearer run, he may have finished second.

After an unbelievable eight days, Frankie Dettori at last met his Waterloo and finished last of the finishers on Classic Cliche, who suffered an interrupted preparation. At least the Ascot Gold Cup winner finished, unlike Polaris Flight, who broke a leg and had to be



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Panthers survive shoot-out drama

NOTTINGHAM Panthers qualified for the semi-finals of the ice hockey Benson and Hedges Cup, a 4-3 win against Cardiff Devils on Saturday giving a 4-4 aggregate score, but the Panthers won 3-2 in a penalty shoot-out. The Devils were unfortunate. as what appeared to be a legitimate goal less than three minutes from the end of regulation time was disal-lowed because the net was off

Television replays showed that Trevor Robins, the Not-tingham goaltender, had deliberately displaced the net. but the Panthers survived that and a scoreless overtime period — before Mike Glaisdell, their player-coach, and the decisive penalty

Clean sweep

Gymnastics: Natalie Lucitt. 13, of Swansea, already has her eyes on the Sydney Olympics after she swept the board to become the British junior champion by a wide margin at the British womens gymnasties championships in Guildford. Lucitt is coached by Andrew Morris and Gill Stanford, the former British champions. She is a pupil at Coedcae High School, near Swansea, and trains 25 hours a week. Courageously, she claims her favourite apparatus is the beam - the apparatus feared by most gymnasts. Lisa Mason, 14, coached by Terry Sharpington at Huntingdon, became the new senior British champion.

Pooley fails

Rowing: Guy Pooley, who announced his international retirement after the Olympics. was beaten in the Wallingford Sculls on Saturday. Pooley led off the 258-boat entry but failed, by seven seconds, to hold off the challenge of two younger internationals. Simon Goodbrand and Mike Webb, that produced a rare dead heat. Pooley, who run the Windsor half-maratno. yesterday, said: "I misjudged it and went too easy in the first

Bevan shines

Cricket: Michael Bevan warmed up for the one-off Test match against India with a sparkling unbeaten century or Australia against the Board President's XI vestergay. He mage 100 not out as the touring side, resuming on 122 for two, amassed 358 for eight before declaring. The home team were 85 for two at the end of the second day of the three-day game which is Australia's only warm-up fixture before the Test, which starts on Thursday.

High time dreary O'Sullevan was put out to grass

vernight, someone at the BBC had taken the sensible decision that this was not going to be the Frankie Dettori show after all. No new interviews, no more smackers for Sue Barker and ... all right, just one more rerun of his magnificent seven at

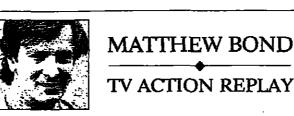
It was a good call. Classic Cliche, the horse which began the Arc weekend "needing no introduction" according to Dettori, "went out like a light" according to "Aussie" Jim McGrath. No doubt the horse's connections were all sick as parrots. As Olivier Peslier dismounted in conventional style, Barker looked a little lost under the paddock plane

tree she had made home for the weekend. Half an hour ago she had been interviewing the Aga Khan, now ... nobody. Cruel world television. Oh well, better show the race

again. I think we saw it four times

Up until then it had been a magnificent ten days for British flat racing — and an even better one for the BBC. Ten days ago Grandstand had seen the previously sacrosanct classified football results rightly interrupted by live coverage of Dettori's seventh Ascot victory and Saturday promised more of the same. But for the wilful Moonax deciding to head for the stable block with a furlong left to run. Dettori might have made it three out of a televised three. Two out of three wasn't bad, but it was left to Julian Wilson to pass on the succinct postrace comments of the horse's stable lass. "Moonax — you are a prat." I think she spoke for everybody at the

Wilson had an excellent Longchamp, even if he couldn't



celebrities. Courteously and without fuss, he has stepped away from the presentation role, recognising perhaps that when it comes to big race days what the British television public want is not form but flirting. Over fences Des Lynam and Jenny Pitman reign supreme. on the Flat the future belongs to Barker and Dettori. Still, that leaves him plenty of time to prepare profiles of horses and jockeys and pick up the odd interview, such as

his two wonderfully surreal encounters with Helissio's owner Enrique Sarasola. "I think what he meant to say . . " began Wilson.

The fact that the now historic Ascot meeting was covered by the BBC is likely to have two principal beneficiaries. The first is Dettori, as he is only too aware. "Remember it when it comes to Sports Personality of the Year," he said as he popped up as the special guest on Channel 4's consistently enjoyable Morning Line which celebrated its seventh birthday on Saturday. "You're not supposed to plug that." wailed Derek Thompson, it's on the other side."

The other beneficiary will be Barker, who despite being a slightly nervous host and sounding decidedly short of expert knowledge. does an excellent job of jollying the BBC's hitherto worthy but dreary

race coverage up a bit.
Talking of worthy but dreary brings us to Peter O'Sullevan, whose far from mellifluous tones have long divided the nation. Yesterday he taunted those of us who feel it is high time he was put out to grass by nominating the 1955 race as his favourite Arc. Or was it the 1956? But in his defence he seemed to call the big race accurately, even down to instantly identifying the ill-fated Polaris Flight when he fell at the back of the field. My

the excellent McGrath and no doubt umpteen other aspirant commentators are long overdue their big chance.

of chance.

Graham Rock did a good job of explaining the mysteries of the Pari-Mutuel but was underused, especially given the huge on-course sway that British race-goers were having. Mind you, the whole team the back of the property to be used at all as Steries. were lucky to be used at all, as Steve Rider gloomily observed back in London. He had noticed that while at the Breeders' Cup, winning jockeys are interviewed by a mounted reporter, at Longchamp they appear to be interviewed by a horse Actually, the interview is conducted via a box of electronic tricks tied to a rider's arm but there was no consoling Rider. "Interviewed by a horse — we'll all be out of a job

ATHLETICS

Long road

back for

cautious

Murray

BY DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

THE bagpipes played as Yvonne Murray, of Scotland, reached the end of the Bupa

Great South Run in Ports-

mouth yesterday. It is doubt-

ful she heard them. Murray,

her face contorted, was hold-

ing her stomach as she

walked, yes, walked, across the finish. "Awful," she said.

Murray, whose career has

been characterised by extremes of success and failure,

did not just lose, but lost

decisively. Derartu Tulu, the

1995 world cross country

champion, from Ethopia, won the ten mile race in 52min,

39sec. Murray was fourth,

It is never easy coming back

to distance running after a

long absence and, for Murray,

after 17 years in the sport

without serious injury, this is

her first go. The Atlanta Olympics marked the first

time that a Scotland or Great

Britain team had attended an

outdoor international champ-

ionship without her since the

A slipped disc forced her to

rest for five months and, when

she returned last January, she

was advised to progress slow-

ly. "All I could do for two

months was walk on a tread-

Three races in 22 days

represent her first competitive

steps back. Fourth in the

thon, first in the Great Caledo-

nian Run, over ten kilometres.

not such a great run yester-day. "It would have been naive

to think I could just come in

and win these races." Murray

mill," Murray said.

1984 Olympics.

more than a minute behind.

Her run, not the bagpipes.

GOLF

Montgomerie aims to reap benefit of major investment

FROM DAVID MILLER IN BERLIN

HAVING confirmed, at the German Masters vesterday. his position as European No 1 for the fourth consecutive year. Colin Montgomerie has no intention of reducing his 18tournament schedule next season. His overriding objective may be to gain his first title in one of the four majors, but he is keeping that ambition in

With a final round of 65, for a 21-under-par total of 267, Montgomerie finished in fourth place behind Darren Clarke of Ireland, on 264. Montgomerie thus earned £32,500 of the £42,000 he needs to join the £5 million European money-winning club inhabited by Bernhard Langer and Nick Faldo. With the steep rise in prize-money since Severiano Ballesteros was the Order of Merit leader with £39,000 in 1976, Montgomerie has accumulated his earnings (not including prize-money earned outside Europe) in half the 20 years of

Langer and Faldo. Outwardly, this agreeable 33-year-old son of the secretary of Royal Troon carries with a smile the frustrations of being the best player in the world not to have won one of the four most esteemed honours in the game. Inwardly,

burns his soul. So much so that during the epic Ryder Cup contest last year at Oak Hill, Rochester, he discussed at length with Faldo, his partner in foursomes and fourball, the mental complexities of the ultimate golf achievement. In the event,

Faldo's advice did not pay off in 1996: the prospect remains

as tantalising as ever.
"We talked about pressure. how to handle it," Montgomerie recalled. "On focus, on how to cut out everything when you are on the course, even family, everything. Nick is the master of focus. You've either got it, or you haven't. Part of it's the mental measure of the shot

"His approach to the 18th on the last day's [Ryder Cup] singles, considering how, playing with me on the first day, he'd put the same shot in the bunker, was the perfect

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example. There's a special skill in that."

Montgomerie admitted that the more people debate his shortfall in the majors, the worse it becomes for him, mentally. "Of course, what I think mainly about is the majors, that's my goal," he said, "but I have to control [the obsession]. I need to get a major under my belt. I'd be thrilled to be playing as well as I am now, going into Augusta [the Masters] next April."

Since bursting upon the scene as a professional in 1987, Monteomerie's play has been consistently spectacular, occasionally undermined by selfrecrimination. How often one can recall his being flushed several shades of pink as his prospects in the Open Championship have dissolved in front of thousands of

His skill is exceptional. He won the 1989 Portugese Open by II strokes; covered nine holes of the Scottish Open in 1992 in 28; had three eagles and five birdies in one round of the 1993 European Masters: two eagles and six birdies in one round of the European Open last year, plus rounds of 64 and 63 at, respectively, Carnoustie and the Forest of Arden. Yet his best performances in majors are third in the 1992 US Open and play-off defeats in the 1994 US Open

and 1995 US PGA. He acknowledges that, if he is honest, the problem is primarily mental. "Other people's expectation is a burden," he said. "They expect it, hope for it, and that gets to you. I know that if I achieve a major in the next couple of years, I'll have worked for

"I have the technical experhaven't had the mental expertise." He is relieved rather than ecstatic, he said, to have retained the European title. Every tournament for the past month or two has been, for him, a double contest; one against the course, the other against Ian Woosnam, his nursuer Woosnam bothered by back problems, missed the

cut in the German Masters. The fourth title, equalling the achievement of Peter Oosterhuis between 1971 and 1974, leaves Montgomerie free to



Montgomerie swings in typically majestic style at the German Masters yesterday

concentrate on the Dunhill Cup — "with Andrew Coltart and Raymond Russell, both potential Ryder Cup players, we're looking very strong" - the World Match Play and the Volvo Masters. "The tiredness

has gone," Montgomerie said. Yet he thinks that there is still room for some improvement. "My caddie [Alistair MacLean] and I work well together." he said. "I'm very happy at home, the family situation helps a lot. I'm more confident. This year, I've

Trish Johnson, in the Fieldcrest Cannon Classic the

In cold, windy conditions,

Pierce, 33, settled her nerves -

and the contest - with birdies

at the last three holes for a

final round of 72, one over par.

and a total of 211, two under,

five strokes ahead of Karrie

previous week.

putted [well]. That's where it's

won or lost." Clarke's 63 yesterday, leaving him 24 under, included an eagle two at the 4th and eight birdies. Mark Davis. from Essex, recorded the best round of the week, a 62, when coming from ten under at the start of the day to finish second on 265. Paul Broad-

hurst was third, on 266. Montgomerie, relishing his fourth top-four finish in five tournaments, was in a hurry to return home in a rented

Long wait over for Pierce

executive jet. one of the luxuries made available by his success. He too had an eagle. with a drive and an iron to 40 feet, which he holed, at the 8th. "They'll have to build new tees and bunkers," he said, "hecause the course needs tightening. I think Bernhard [Langer, the designer] realises

With a possible £300,000 available at the Volvo Masters. Montgomerie could pass the £1 million mark for the

whose first season on tour has

been nothing less than sensa-

tional, overtook Laura Davies.

round in the Takara World

International in Sanbu, Ja-

pan. Davies's final round of 74

included an eagle, two birdies.

four bogeys and a double

bogey. Ikuyo Shiotani, of Ja-

pan, won by two strokes from

Kris Tschetter, of the United

said. Besieged by questions about whether she was planning her

Photograph ... Results

marathon debut for London next April, she was understandably cautious. "I have got to crack ten miles and halfmarathons first." she said.

Murray's successes have been many, her failures similar in number: European 3.000 metres champion, world indoor 3.000 metres champion, Commonwealth 10,000 metres champion, the first British woman to win a World Cup event, Olympic bronze medal. Tears at three successive world championships, and at the 1992 Olympics, when she failed

miserably.
Aged 32, it may have been tempting to accept the offer of a full-time job with her sponsor of the past five years. Unlike Tom McKean, her erstwhile training partner and fellow European champion. who has retired to become a policeman, Murray feels running still has much to offer

her, and her to it. Her priorities now are the 10,000 metres at the 1997 world championships in Athens and a marathon, somewhere, sometime. Soon she will be racing as Yvonne Murray-Mooney: on Saturday week she is due to marry Tom Mooney, a steeplechaser. Marion Sutton, at six feet.

has stopped growing but, at 33, not stopped improving. She lowered her best by 84 seconds, to 52min 53sec, to finish second to Tulu. She returns to Chicago on Sunday week looking capable of a sub-2hr 30min marathon, having set her quickest time of 2hr 32min 36sec there last year. Gary Staines, outsprinted

Lameck Aguta, the Common-wealth 10,000 metres champile on, from Kenya, to win the men's race in 46min 57sec. Staines, too, looks good for

Morgan proves classic model of reliability

By MEL WEBB

THE PAST four weeks have heen an Indian summer for John Morgan. In early September he won the Shell Scottish Seniors Open, and yesterday he continued his impressive form by taking the Motor City Seniors Classic at The Warwickshire with a

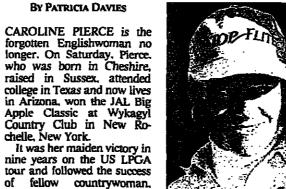
score of 213, three under par. The tournament was held as part of Coventry's celebrations to mark the centenary of the motor car and it was appropriate that it was won by a man who shares his name with one of the great

Morgan, 53, did not feature lightning acceleration as part of his perforance figures. He was the steadiest player at

The Warwickshire — he went 40 holes, from the 11th on Friday to the 16th yesterday, without dropping a shot. Beat that for reliability.

In winning £13,350, he overtook Brian Barnes to move into second place in the European Seniors Tour order of merit with just over £65,500. The man he continues to trail, Tommy Horton, finished second alongside Randall Vines and Bill Hardwick, two shots off the pace, and the £5,950 he won took his record earnings for the year to £113,000.

Horton had victory in the order of merit sewn up before a ball was struck - with one tournament to go be cannot be caught.



Webb and Tina Barrett. Pierce had started the day three shots in front of Dottie Pepper and Michelle McGann, but the two Americans faded rounds of 76 and

the world No I, at the top of the money list with \$827,903. Pierce's cheque for \$108,750 more than doubled her earnings for the season, making it her most successful so far. "I thought about quitting a couple of times over the years," Pierce said, "but I couldn't think of anything else to do." Davies, meanwhile, seventh after a disappointing final

respectively.

THE owners of Birmingham City are expected to confirm that they will stay

David Sullivan and the Gold brothers. David and Ralph, were reacting last Friday to a decision by Birmingham magistrates to commit the managing director, Karren Brady, for trial to the Crown Court under the Consumer Protection Act, following

complaints from supporters.

David Gold said: "Unfortunately. the wording of the statement was not quite right and it looked as if we had

case, we have made a decision to meet,

not to sell.

Gold, stressing that the club would continue to support Brady, added: "It is like losing a match. Afterwards you might not see any hope but, come Monday, you are looking ahead to the next one with optimism."

Birmingham are next to bottom of Poulain in a game against Manchester City on September 21.

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Kirsten cruises to century

CRICKET

AN UNBEATEN century by the opener. Gary Kirsten, steered South Africa to a comfortable seven-wicket victory over Pakistan in the final of the Kenyan centenary four-nation one-day

tournament in Nairobi yesterday. Kirsten made a well-paced 118 not out as South Africa coasted to 204 for three in 39.2 overs. Earlier, South Africa fought back well to bowl out Pakistan for 203 in 46.2 overs after their opponents had made a flying start. Ijaz Ahmed top-scored with 47 while Allan Donald took three for 32 and off-spinner Derek Crookes three

Andrew Hudson, who hammered a run-a-ball 42, and Kirsten gave South Africa the ideal start in their reply with a first-wicket stand of 77 in only 14

Pakistan dropped Kirsten twice off successive deliveries from off-spinner Saglain Mushtaq - on 24 and 26 respectively - but the gritty left-hander offered no further chances as he reached his sixth hundred in 50 oneday internationals from 114 balls, with 14 fours.

Young leg-spinner Shahid Afridi unsettled the South African run chase when he removed Hudson and Pat Symcox with the score on 77, but Daryll Cullinan and Jonty Rhodes gave Kirsten good support as the target was reached with 10.4 overs to spare.

Owners to make about-turn

FOOTBALL

at the club after an emergency meeting today, three days after issuing a press statement suggesting they would step down (Richard Hobson writes).

Nationwide League Division One and their defender. Gary Poole, today goes before the Football Association on a charge of pushing referee Richard

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HELF NSX.

ever-increasing de-mands of the modern

fixture list is like trying to

squeeze an 18-stone woman

into a size ten dress. It will not

go, someone is going to get

hurt, and quality is bound to

Getting hurt, a risk of the

trade, was the fate that befell

Andy Cole, the Manchester

United striker, when he suf-

fered fractured bones in both

Flegs during a reserve team

match against Liverpool at

Anfield yesterday. This week, Glenn Hoddle

appears to have swung the

pendulum. He has the undi-

vided attention of 23 of En-

gland's finest players for seven

full days leading up to the

World Cup qualifying game

against Poland at Wembley on

Wednesday. Add time for the

players from the big clubs in

the north to travel to and from

the training camp in the south.

and England has taken priori-

ty over the players for nine

in the 11 days that follow,

the players of Manchester

United, Liverpool and New-

castle United, the three clubs

of greatest wealth and poten-

tial, and those on whom this

country's European expecta-

nons at club level are based.

will have to squeeze in three

matches of the FA

Carling Premiership

season, as well as jour-

neys far and wide onto the Continent.

Hoddle, doing what

he reasonably can to

win over the players

he has selected, has

gained unprecedented

access to them, osten-

sibly because the clubs have

been made to acknowledge

that success for England is

success for them. The new

coach, preparing for his first

Wembley international, has

fresh ideas, not only about the

sode in which his team should

play, but also about the man-

behave while on duty in the

ambitions, but surely the Pre-

mier League could have pro-

grammed its computer to

come up with something a

little more sane than the

fixtures now awaiting those

players, in whatever condition

of elation or firedness or

physical stress, when they

return to the people who pay

On Saturday morning, at

11.15. Manchester United play

Liverpool in front of 55,000

spectators at Old Trafford. It is

a match kicking off for the

convenience of relevision, just

as the modern business de-

mands of one of the tradition-

ally thrilling and important

their daily wage.

Thank heavens for those

name of the nation.

give in the end.

movement, "I have never seen

her stronger." Alex Cowie, her

long-time coach and mentor.

said. "And I don't think I have

seen her more ready for a big

In an echo of a famously

narrow El.000 challenge win

by Susan Devoy over the

young Simon Parke, when the

then world champion, from

New Zealand, was in her

prime. Jackman last week

defeated England's young player of the year, Nicholas

Manhew, over an hour and 20

minutes in Birmingham. "I

am not sure any other woman

in the world could have beaten

Nick that night." Cowie said.

More pertinently, in Singa-

pore in August, Jackman took

the second game of a quarter-final from Martin and held

game points in the fourth

before letting the world cham-

pion slip away. "That is the

closest they have been since

Jackman: improved

Michelle stepped into the gap

created by Devoy's retirement

"Since then, Cassie has

worked harder than ever be-

fore. She is trimmer and very

confident and if this were a

world competition for salu-

ghosting on court, she would

medal. The test is converting

such good preparation into

performance against the best.

Martin, now 29, leads her

27-year-old compatriot 4-3 in

final victories since the World

Open in Hong Kong last July.

The defending champion wins

most often on mental strength

and physical staying power.

FitzGerald is more of a blitz-

Jackman might need both

styles to break through, as

Barford Tigers were beaten

2-0 at home by Teddington,

McGuire scoring in each half.

In the closest match of the day,

Hounslow snatched a 3-2 vic-

tory over Guildford, with Rose

scoring the winner four min-utes before the end - his

second goal. McQuillan

scored Hounslow's other goal

with Hall and Moseley reply-

had another field day with a

5-0 home victory over Isca.

In the first division, Beeston

ing for Guildford.

but she is certainly ready.

in 1992." Cowie said.

tournament. She is buzzing."

SQUASH

Jackman has

Australians

in her sights

Colin McQuillan, in Kuala Lumpur, analyses the progress of one of Britain's brightest hopes

ON THE evidence of form, the

women's world squash cham-

pionships, which start here

today, should be a tale of Australian domination. Mi-

chelle Martin, from Sydney, is

looking for a record lifth

successive world open title.

but could be thwarted by Sarah FitzGerald, the world

No 2, from Melbourne. These

two will be joined by two other

Australians in the world top

six, Liz Irving and Carol Owens, for the defence of the

But, as England's men have

llustrated at both senior and

junior levels over the past 12

months, form is not always a

reliable guide in the heated

environment of world-title

Five Englishwomen hold

places in the world top ten.

with the national champion.

Suzanne Horner, of York-

shire, at No 3 and looking to

join Sue Wright, of Kent, and

Linda Charman, of Sussex, in

causing problems for Fitzger-

ald in the bottom half of the

draw for the individual event.

It may be, however, that the

fourth member of the England

team. Cassandra Jackman, of

Norfolk, will carry the greatest

notential for breaking down

Jackman has promised

much for many years after

delivering in some style as a

junior. She won the 1991 world

junior championship and, on

her first senior tour, rose to

the rank of world No 2. But

her only significant titles over

the past four years came in

1993, at the British nationals

An over-dependence on a

booming forehand drive that

was all too prone to dipping

into the tin and a certain

jerkiness in her court move-

ment contributed to her

failure to convert numerous

semi-final positions at the big

events into actual title

said. "People seem to forget

how young I was. Michelle

Martin did not become a great

At 23, Jackman believes she

is now ready to start winning

finals. "I have been working

with David Pearson, the new

England national coach," she

said. "We have made a few

changes to my game and

worked a lot on court move-

ment. It has taken eight or

nine months but things are

winner until she was 25.

"It has never worried me as

and the US Open.

the Australian domination.

competition.

world team championship.

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fourth seed, to win a first world title. She is scheduled

for a semi-final against Martin and, if successful, a likely final against FitzGerald.

krieg specialist.

starting to click now." Pearson is a a technician whose name crops up repeatedly in the early histories of England's best young players. He has opened the face of Jackman's racket on the forehand, improving the line of

LEADING SEEDS: 1 M Manin (Aus.), 2 S FigGerald (Aus.), 3, S Homer (Eng.), 4 C Jackman (Eng.), 5 L Irang (Aur.), 6 F Overes (Aus.), 7, S (Yngh), (Eng.), 8 S Schome (Ger.) her drive and the delivery of her drop, and smoothed her

situations. It is not, however, desert. games of the season. All eyes on new goal standard

goalkeeper these days? Last week, 43 goals were scored in six men's national league premier division matches, an average of seven a game and an early vindication of the decision by the International Hockey Federation (FIH) to make the game more televisual by abolishing the offside law. No more standing to attention, hand thrust in the air, no more compressing the game into the central third of the field and hoping for the best. No more blaming blind umpires. Backache and clinical depression are likely to be the most common gnalie's

ailments by season's end. "It makes my life hell in the bar afterwards." David Luckes, the England goalkeceper, said, "People say: hey, you let in four again, what happened? You could have had a blinder but it's difficult trying to explain because you still let in four. Luckes did let in four on the first day of the new league season. But he did better vesterday, keeping a clean sheet 2s his club. East Grinstead heat Surbiton 5-0 on a day when six matches produced another 34 goals. Surbiton's shooting was not up to much but at a time when defences are still coming to terms with the new rules and forwards are making hay in their acres of space, it was a cource of some pride. Coaches and players are

still absorbing the effects of

the most radical change in-

posed on the game. Only 20

years ago, the rules stated that

three players had to be be-

tween an opponent and the

goal. Then, 50 years after

lootball had done the same,

where Ferguson needs him. players, to iron out any faults

It is easy to observe that. formight, there is equality of a

sort: all three are in similar

prepare for the big squeeze ROB HUGHES



England's finest

Football Correspondent

Then, on Monday lunchtime, United, the champions, depart for Istanbul, as ferocious a footballing bearpit as Europe provides. The opposition may be Fenerbahçe and not Galatasaray, but Turkey is Turkey, and United will need all the preparation of mind and body that they can muster. When they return, in the early hours of Thursday, they will have to lick the wounds of battle and think straight away of the following Sunday, when they play another televised encounter, against Newcastle

contests, including the key The championship could de-'Surely the Premier League computer could have come up with

United at St James' Park.

something more sane' pend on these fixtures against Liverpool and Newcastle, England's hopes of regaining respectability in European club competition could also pivot on Manchester United's

resilience and appetite in Istanbul. When United won the douthe manager, enthused about the "wonderful freshness" of young players, such as David Beckham. Now, with all these big games coming at such extraordinary pace, perhaps we can see why the top manager in British club football complains so. Ferguson will have as little as four proper training sessions in which to organise his strategy, to freshen the appetite of his

or fatigue that developed with England or on United's since England's "big three" face one another during this intense club-versus-country

play in Hungary in the Uefa Cup next Tuesday, Liverpool travel to Sion, in Switzerland, for their Cup Winners' Cup game on the Thursday. They involve flying time, but with-out the volatility at the other

FOOTBALL: COLE'S INJURY HIGHLIGHTS PRESSURE ON LEADING PLAYERS AS VITAL FIXTURES LOOM

Are there solutions? There may have been, had the Premier League shown the foresight to put these fixtures back into its computer, with instructions to come out with something more helpful at such a time. The chih-versus-country fixation would not disappear even if, as Ken Bates, the Chelsea chairman and an FA councillor, demanded, the FA

pays the players' wages while hey are on international duty. Hoddle, his former club manager, suggests that fixtures in the league are uniformly put back until the Sunday after internationals, to give players time. But Hoddle was present at a recent convention of 43 national coaches in Europe. Berti Vogts, the Germany coach, whose team plays in Armenia on Wednesday and whose clubs all played in the Bundesliga this weekend, called for a new format. He, and others, would prefer national teams to play twice in the space of ten days. Italy, for example, having

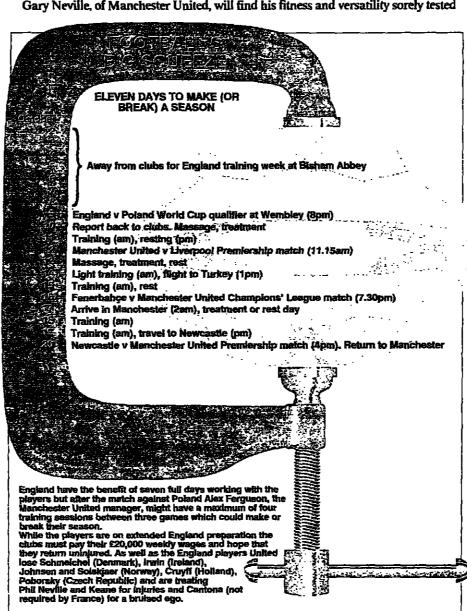
played in Moldova on Saturday, now play Georgia on Wednesday. According to Vogts, this would free the congestion, meaning that coaches had a full week to work with their players, but the demands on the clubs

came at half the frequency. Hoddle prefers to play internationals at night, when he feels the "body clock" of players is at its best. And he does not want to risk having to play twice in a short time, when the national team harmony could

be disrupted by injuries. A cynic might say that the ional mar own ends, would rather pass those injuries back to the clubs, but think of Gary Neville, still a developing player, likely to play wing back for England on Wednesday, and then be asked to readjust to right back, or indeed centre back, for Manchester United, if injuries suggest that is

The club-versus-country controversy is. like the poor, ever with us. But all arguments are lost when the financial priorities of club football take over. Middlesbrough, taking advantage of the break in league fixtures, are now on a two-match busman's holiday in Thailand. Sometimes, the complaints of managers are





like sirens sounding in the

Life is suddenly busier for defenders in hockey. Andrew Longmore sees why the number was reduced to two; three years ago only within the 25-yard line. But. at the end of last year, the authorities, in a desperate attempt to make the game more attractive to television. sponsors and spectators, announced that the offside rule would be removed altogether at every level of the game.

"I'd been advocating it for ten years," Andy Barnes, coach of East Grinstead, said. "So, now it's come in, I have to be in favour. No one has ever explained to me why there is an offside rule in the first place. It's purely negative. People go to see goals and that's what they'll see in hockey now. The 0-0 draw will

become a rarity."

"With no offside, the game is more stretched," Barnes explained, "That means the onus is on passing the ball quickly, on players being fitter, particularly in the midfield, on talking to each other and being more aware on the pitch. A lot of the youngsters coming through are very mechanical players. Now they're going to have to think about the game."

ment confirmed the need for

change. Matches were played

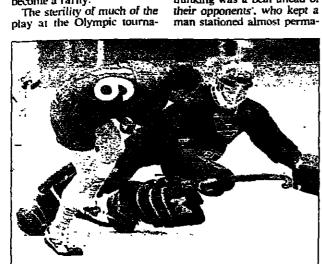
largely in the middle of the

field, goals from open play

were scarce and the umpires'

whistle constantly broke the

Though teams are adapting to the new rule off the hoof East Grinstead's tactical thinking was a beat ahead of their opponents, who kept a man stationed almost perma-



David Luckes, the East Grinstead goalkeeper, keeps out a shot from Surbiton's Gary Notton yesterday

nently "offside" but never managed to get the ball to him when it mattered. East Grinstead cut off the supply lines and, when pressed into their own third, defended their goalkeeper in numbers to block shots and clear rebounds. The longer the match went on, the more their speed and fitness told on the slower, heavier, Surbiton side. Only one of the five goals, though. would have been offside under

the old rules. "Mobility is the key with no offside," the Surbiton coach, David Rutherford, admitted. The days of ten years ago when a few big guys in the middle could handle the situation are gone. You have to be very mobile and very quick so it will be a game for young men." The danger is that some icams will rely for survival on

hockey's version of the long ball. Surbiton might be one. "I have this terrible nagging thought that teams will line up a defensive wall across the 25yard line and hope for a break or two from set pieces near the opponent's goal," Rutherford it could be done. Another defeat like this and we might have to do it, though

it's never been our style." The experiment is initially for a year, but few rules are rescinded once made. Luckes can foresee goalkeepers be-coming kicking backs, marking and sweeping behind the defence, the ultimate indigni-. "I think it might get worse before it gets better for us." But, not perhaps for everyone else. Like the introduction of the six-tackle rule in rugby league, this could herald the dawning of a new age for hockey. Even for goalkeepers. in time.

HOCKEY: CANNOCK RECOVER FROM EARLY SETBACK TO THRASH SOUTHGATE Crutchley scores four more

Ipswich find reward in

fitting victory

BY A CORRESPONDENT IPSWICH gained some consolation for their disappointing 3-0 defeat at Clifton on Saturday when they beat Hightown, the women's premier division champions. 2-1

in their rescheduled fixture vesterday. The Suffolk club will be approaching the All-England Women's Hockey Association for recompense for their wasted journey to Hightown last week, when the game was postponed by flooding, which set them back £700. "The whole team played below par at Clifton," Sandie Lister, the Ipswich captain, said, "but

against Hightown, our tactics were spot on. Sarah Bamfield opened lpswich's account in the seventeenth minute and, after Maggie Souyave equalised, seven minutes before the break, Leisa King hit the winner from a penalty corner. The win helped lpswich to move up to fourth place behind the unbeaten leaders. Slough, Clifton and Hightown, Slough had no trouble seeing off Doncaster

who, despite taking a first minute lead, lost 1-1. It was a successful day for England strikers with Kathryn James netting a hat-trick for Trojans, of Southampton, who held on for a 3-2 win at Sutton Coldfield.

In the first division, Olton

swept to their third successive

victory, and the top the table,

after beating Bracknell 4-i.

scored Southgate's second goal with a fine shot from a short corner four minutes

BY SYDNEY FRISKIN

son. Wyatt scored twice for

Reading, from a short corner

and a penalty stroke, and further goals followed from

Howard Hoskin, Ashdown

and Manpreet Kochar.

Ambridge scored Havant's

second near the end.

CANNOCK opened the flood-Surbiton, Batti netting three gates again in the premier division of the National goals from open play with Barnes, from a short corner, League yesterday with a 7-2 and Boyse adding to the score. victory at Southgate, Robert Havant lost 5-2 at home to Crutchley adding four goals to Reading, despite taking a 21st minute lead through Wilkin-

the three he scored last week. Southgate were ahead within three minutes. Gibbins being fouled and Attala converting the resultant penalty stroke. But, after successfully defending three short corners. they could not prevent David Mayer from converting the fourth to level the score in the

A brilliant run by Chris

Mayer, in the 29th minute, set

up the chance for Crutchley to

give Cannock a 2-1 lead, which

they held until half-time.

eighteenth minute.

Three minutes into the second half. Crutchley converted Cannock's seventh short corner and, a minute later, Pidcock added the fourth goal. The visitors then raced into a 7-1 lead with two more goals by Crutchley, including one from a short corner, and another from Pidcock. Waugh

before the end. Old Loughtonians joined Cannock at the top of the table

with a 4-2 away win over Canterbury. Adair, Philpot, Thompson and Williams scored from open play for Old Loughtonians. Holmes and Evennen, from a short corner, replied for Canterbury. East Grinstead bounced

back from last week's defeat

by Southgate to score five

goals without reply against

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FROM KEVIN MCCARRA

SCOTLAND may have an air

of impoverishment about them but, by rummaging

through every pocket, they

generally scrape together the

means to acquire success. The

victory over Latvia, in Riga on

Saturday, was another exercise in adaptability. A single

goal ahead and forced into

some hectic defending. Craig

Brown's team suddenly

counter-attacked to end the

contest in this World Cup

The virtuosity, however,

was supplied by a man who is usually an object of ridicule. It

took a series of withdrawals

from the squad to ensure that

Darren Jackson, the Hiberni-

an forward, won his thirteenth

cap and a lengthening interna-

tional career threatened only

to extend the mockery, for he

had never scored for his

country. In the 77th minute,

the player's scarred reputation

Dispossessing Vitalijs

Astafievs, Jackson slipped

past two more defenders be-

fore curling a considered shot

into the corner of the net.

While Scotland must be

termed a side of modest gifts.

they do use each piece of small

talent to its maximum effect.

Managers are only ever

termed charismatic if they

have a capacity for dyspepsia

and Brown is far too genial a

man to fit that stereotype, but

his record is outstanding even

if his reputation remains frail.

spend lavishly only to floun-

der in European competition.

one might wonder why he is

not revered for his astuteness.

On Saturday, the ploys Brown

labours over on the training

ground had a great influence

After 17 minutes, John Col-

lins collected a short free-kick

rolled to him by Stuart McCall

and feinted as if to lay the ball

back to Gary McAllister for a

drive. With the defence dis-

thodical planning does not

GROUP NINE

on the outcome.

At a time when the Old Firm

qualifying match.

was to be healed.

Scotland pass

Holland .

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By ROB HUGHES FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

TO MEN of Wales, the World Cup finals are a receding memory, a land their fathers last occupied in 1958. To the Dutch, the World Cup is an absolute commitment, the only way they can restore selfrespect after tearing their own side asunder and being devas-tated by England at Wembley

On a clear night in Cardiff on Saturday, we could see the manifestations of both. Wales ran until it hurt, kept on running until some of them virtually dropped. The Dutch, making the ball work, making

GROUP SEVEN

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Wales	3	2	0	1	12	3
Holiand .	1	1	9	0	3	1
Belgrum .	1	1	0	0	2	1
Turkey	1	0	0	1	1	2
San Martno	2	0	0	2	0	11

RESULTS: San Marino 0 Wales 5, Wales 6 San Marino 0, Belgium 2 Turkey 1, Wales 1 Holland 3

Wales chase leather, probed and waited, and then, having been a goal down for the best part of an hour, hit Wales one. two, three times, until the chorus of singing was silenced before the jazz band that accompanies the Holland team everywhere.

It was a master-class; athletes with big hearts being run to ground by masters of ball control. Down the spine of the Wales team there are ageing athletes: Southall, 38, but for an hour a hero of solo defiance: and in front of him Bowen, 32, trying to marshal a defence, Horne, 34, unstinting in effort and, up front, losing their pace, Hughes, 34, and

Wales were without Giggs,

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their fine winger, who was suspended, but Holland, missing 11 talents who would have made this squad, had no wingers at all, having lost Overmars, Hoekstra, Taument and Witschge, all through the frailties of the flesh. Indeed, they lacked also the skills of Bergkamp, Reiziger and Kluivert, who, alas, is losing his youth to a third knee operation.

So, weep not for the Welsh. They were given a goal start. The Spanish referee and his linesman looked the other way when Dutch hands went up in the sixteenth minute, when Saunders sneaked in to finish off the tenacious work of Home and score, blatantly a vard offside. Now, Wales believed, Hav-

ing put 11 goals past the hapless San Marino, they stood at that moment nine points clear in group seven, and just after half an hour. Hughes, belligerent from the start but sweet in this moment, turned and struck one of his instinctive vollies. Van der Sar. a tall goalkeeper with elastic movement, somehow reached behind him to claw the ball down. By then, Southall had been defying age and the constant Dutch flow with five saves, three of them thrilling. His experience, one against one, enabled him to deprive Cruyff; he proved agile and quick of reflex against Frank de Boer and

The Dutch know the game. though. They had recruited Johan Neeskens, the warrior of their 1970 side, as assistant coach just days before the match. His task? To instil togetherness among such disparate spirits. Neeskens assured us that this Holland team was hungry, focused on the main purpose. He also said that they would not play in Ajax's style, but 4-4-2.

They started that way, but as the rhythm built it became altogether more fluid, total



Speed, left, and Browning rise to the challenge as Wales repel another Holland attack in Cardiff

football, pulling the shape of the team closer to 3-4-3, with the de Boer twins moving back and forth in their customary fashion, with Jonk holding the midfield, but without a centre

At half-time, Guus Hiddink, the coach, rectified that. He took off the frail Cruyff, replacing him with a 20-year-old. Roy Makaay, who is tall, imposing and possesses a fine touch. However, Southall remained defiant, topping his first-half action with a superlative tip over his crossbar from Cocu, until the defence in front of him ground to a

Holland by then had another centre forward, the gangling Pierre van Hooijdonk. He may have disaffected Celtic but, with his second touch, when Wales were in confusion, van Hooijdonk hungrily found the roof of the net. It was the 73rd minute, and barely two minutes later. after Seedorf had glided like a winger up the right, van Hooijdonk did what came

naturally, heading the ball irresistibly into the goal. It was 3-1 when Cocu creat-

ed from the left and Ronald de Boer dived swiftly to the ground to head in. All Welsh resistance was gone, apart from the silliness of Hughes, who clashed again with Valckx; both were booked, and Hughes is out of the next game, against Holland in Eindhoven next month.

Wales, as ever, will travel determined to run some more. even if the truth of it is that. when the Dutch control their minds, they control the game. MALES (3-5-2): N Southall (Eventon) — A Melville (Sunderland), M Bowen (West Hem United), K Symons (Manchester City) — J Robinson (Charlton Athletic), M Browning (Bristol Rovers, sub S Jenkins, Huddersheld Town, Samin), B Holme (Brningham City), M Pembridge (Shetfield Wednesday, sub A Legg, Birmingham City, 63), G Speed (Eventon) — D Saunders (Nottingham Forest), M Hughes (Chelsee)

(Chesse)
HOLLAND (4-4-2): E van der Sar (Agad —
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Hooldonk, Celtic, 70), S Valcko; (75V
Endhoven), F de Boer (Agad, W Bogarde
(Agat) — A Winter (Internazionale), W Jonk
(PSV Endhoven), C Sedodri (Real Madnd),
P Cocu (PSV Endhoven) — R de Boer
(Agat, sub: G van Brondchorst, Feyencord,
87), J Cruyf (Manchester United, sub: R
Malkary, Vitesse Armen, 46)

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Gould's private fears confirmed by defeat

FOR Bobby Gould, the Wales manager, the morning after was probably more painful than the night before (Russell Kempson writes). In the cold light of day, Wales were not good enough, Holland were superior in almost every respect, and a dark cloud hovers over the Principality's World Cup ambitions.

Though Wales still lead the group seven qualifying table, by virtue of having played two more matches than the Dutch, the sides are poles apart in technique. Wales's 3-1 defeat at the National Stadium on Saturday, despite the heroics of Neville Southall, their goal keeper, only confirmed what

Gould privately feared. our standards high enough, right across the board, from the administration, to the coaches, to the players.

"I didn't like what I saw and it hurt. The resolve was there but that's not enough. All I want is for Welsh football to get stronger, to progress, but unless people start to react, now, we are going nowhere."

Gould's contract expires in December next year and he wants to see it through, perhaps even to the World Cup finals in France in 1998. "I've started many jobs in my career but never really been given the chance to finish them," he said.

"I've shaken the players by the hand and told them to go back to their clubs and work we don't sort it out, we'll not be going to France."

latest test of adaptability ager also has the services of one player whose contribution transcends mere dependabiliry. Against Latvia, Andy

Goram made two uncanny

saves, the more important

coming when Scotland led

only by Collins's goal. Having leapt to punch out a cross, in the 71st minute, he was struggling back to his feet as Mihailis Zemlinskis crashed in a shot from the edge of the area, but Goram still contrived to make the parry. Scotland were much the better side, but Latvia cannot be derided as opponents since, in the qualifying games for Euro 96, they had defeated both Northern Ireland and Austria. Brown's side will be conscientious on Wednesday, when they play

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Estonia, who recorded their first competitive victory. against Belarus, at the weekend. The opposition, however, do not pose the greatest problem. This Scotland squad suffers from a phenomenon akin to coastal erosion. The attack crumbled away first with five forwards unavailable for this trip, and now the process is working its way on

to the midfield. McCall, who is

injured, and McAllister, sus-

pended after his booking on

Saturday, will not play in

Tallinn, where Collins is to assume the captaincy. LATVIA (3-5-2)* O Keravajevs (Zwotkau) —
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imberg). OTLAND (3-5-2). A Goram (Rangers (Habernjan) J. Ulnch (Czech Republic)

Photograph, page 39

tracted, Collins instead "I think we're about 20 at their game. The ball is back wheeled away into the space created by the subterfuge and years behind fiolland," he in their court. There's no quick fix, I know that, but if fired Scotland ahead. said yesterday. "We don't set In fairness, Brown's me-

Hamilton hints at desire to move on

Northern Ireland1 Armenía1

By David Maddock

A FRUSTRATING draw, and Bryan Hamilton, the Northern Ireland manager, did not waste any time afterwards. If ever there was a man who seems to have come to the end of the road, it was him, as he virtually ran through his CV in the post-match press

conference. Hamilton has been linked with the vacant position at Manchester City and, without wishing to appear cynical, that is perhaps not unconnected to his loss of direction with Northern Ireland.

"I just take it as a great compliment to be linked with them, I'm flattered," he said. With Northern Ireland, we finished joint second in a tough European championship qualifying group, then we had a great draw with Germany. We have also developed a nucleus of good young players. This job isn't forever, I always wanted to go back to club management one day." At present, the connection seems largely to have been made at the Hamilton end.

but, given the persistent lack of a plausible candidate, his easy charm and dignified air may take on more appeal at Maine Road by the day.

City be warned, however. Northern Ireland lacked any real purpose to their play during this match, and Armenia were unlucky not to have emerged with only their second-ever victory since footballing independence two

City may be unwise to

a need to learn quickly.

appoint, in Hamilton, a manager who appears unable to persuade his side to digest even the simplest of lessons. Following a calamitous defeat at home to Ukraine, there was

Ravanelli rescues Italy

FABRIZIO RAVANELLI, the a lot more convincing against Middlesbrough striker, spared Italy's blushes as they won their opening World Cup group two qualifying match 3-l against Moldova in Kishinev, where England tri-

umphed 3-0 last month. It was an unconvincing performance, with victory secured only when Ravanelli scored his second goal, three minutes from time. "We were RESULTS: Northern keland 0 Ukraine 1; Armenia 0 Portugal 0; Northern Ireland 1 Armenia 1, Ukraine 2 Portugal 1.

It did not happen, because Armenia were treated far too lightly given their commendable draw against Portugal in the opening match, and even the goal that the Ulstermen conceded was a virtual carbon copy of the one that gave Ukraine victory a month ago

Moldova than they were,"

John Gorman, the England

secured a 1-0 victory over

Belarus in Tallinn thanks to Hohlov-Simson's goal. Esto-

nia's celebrations were damp-

ened, however, when Andres

Oper. their leading striker,

Estonia, who play Scotland in group four on Wednesday,

assistant coach, said.

suffered a broken leg.

ball away and fed Miklenyan the winger. His cross from the left found Eric Assadouryan who, on his debut, found the net in the seventh minute. At least Lennon responded with an equaliser on 29 minutes. Gillespie's cross created

at Windsor Park. Lennon dal-

lied too long in the centre of

the field. Tonoyan spirited the

a scramble in the Armenian penalty area that seemed unending. Finally Lennon shot. weakly, but it took a deflection off Housepyan and staggered in slow motion across the line. A draw however, was not good enough and, after just

two matches. Northern freland, in a group that contains Germany, Portugal and Ukraine, can forget about qualifying and instead, perhaps, concentrate on finding a new manager.

NOMTHERN RELAND (4-4-2) A Fetts (Notingham Forest) — I Noten (Snefflet) Wednesday), C Hill (Leocater City). B Hunter (Reading), K Rowland (West Ham United) — K Gillespite (Newcastle United, sub M O'Neal Coventry Cay, 60mm). Lennon (Leocaster Car, sub. J Megillon, Southampton, 60), S Lomas (Manchester City), M Hughes (West Ham United) — P Gray (FC Nancy; sub. G McMarton, Sole Cay, 80), I Dowie (West Ham United) — ARMENIA (4-3-3): B Resconded) Ony. 80). I Downe (West Ham United)
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Miriassyanss. 86) — H. Mikhilanyan, E.
Accordovanos. Assedouryan, k. Maklenyan (sub. F. Petrossyan, 69)

McCauley puts brakes on silent partner

Stubborn resistance is becoming a theme at Home Park. Started by taken up by visiting defences. Miliwail became the fourth club of the past five Plymouth Argyle have received to leave with their goal untarnished.

For many supporters, and especially those who paid for display advertisements in two local newspapers on Saturday registering their discontent, the match between Dan McCauley, the Plymouth chairman, and Neil Warnock, the manager, is giving as much cause for concern as the run of eight matches without At an emergency meeting of

shareholders on Thursday, one supporter told McCauley: "People are fed up with the open running battle that seems to be going on with yourself and Neil Warnock." If Plymouth had a point for every letter on the dispute that has appeared in the local David Powell finds the action taking place off the pitch as Plymouth and Millwall draw 0-0

press, they would be runaway leaders of the Nationwide League second division.

Maugé from the team on Saturday is the latest evidence that McCauley and Warnock wear different shades of green. Maugé scored the winning goal at Wembley in the promotion play-off final in May. The manager agreed to improve his contract but the chairman refused. Now Maugé wants to leave and McCauley and Warnock are barely on speaking terms.

at Wembley when some 30,000 Argyle supporters rejoiced in promotion. Their last two home matches have averaged 6,200. McCauley's stock with the players fell when he asked for their Wembley shirts back. They refused.

One vice-president said that, 12 months ago, the manager and chairman were "best friends in the world". He

The absence of Ronnie added: "I am amazed such a friendship could go so badly wrong. There is room for only

one man, and the guy with £2.5 million in the club is obviously the one that is going to win. He [Warnock] tried to resign twice recently and has been told he will work his contract' Roger Matthews, Plymouth's new chief executive. How distant seems that day

said he had "been here nine weeks and done nothing but firefighting", but added: "We

are coming out the other side. Neil is beginning to under-stand that he has an overall responsibility to the club." After the match on Saturday, McCauley said: The only trouble between the man-

have substantially overspent and we are trying to put a brake on it. It is a difficult relationship because I said to the manager we have no more money.
"I think the team is good enough for this league. There

ager and chairman is that we

seems a lack of commitment in front of goal and that is the worrying aspect. We have spent a lot of money on forwards and they cannot convert." There were no "McCauley

out" chants at a game that Millwall would have won had Blackwell not saved Savage's penalty. No Warnock out chants either. How much longer, though, while there are no goals?

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (3-4-3). h Blocks C. Curran, M. Hostincole, A. James — A. C. Curran, M. Hostincole, A. James — A. Wilsems, R. Logan, M. Barlon, C. Billy — H. Lillegohn, C. Corazon, M. Evens (sub. V. Simpson, "Physiol.") — MILLWALL (4-4-2), T. Carter — M. Doyle, D. MILLWALL (4-4-2), T. Carter — M. Doyle, D. Martinold, S. J. Room, M. C. L. S. J. Room, M. L. S. J. Room, M. C. L. Webber (sub D Hookor, 54). A Rigon (sub P Newman, 50). M Harls — [Day (sub B Newman, 50). M Harls — [Day (sub G Robertson, 86), D Sovaga, R Bow). L Netl — P Harloy, A Doby Reference (Broad-

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Gazza: a team player with a talent for winning matches

oining up with the England squad this week, I told Dominic Manen, my Liverpool team-mate, that he was in for a treat on his first call-up. He wasn't let down, because he got his first taste of the one and only Gazza.

You can hardly fail to notice him. Everywhere he goes, he attracts attention. The media follows him everywhere, and everybody wants a little piece of him. I have never met a person who is so much in the public eye.

It is because he is such an incredible character, but I bet that the public doesn't know much about the real Paul Gascoigne. They see the image that is projected by the media, but there is a lot more to him than that.

I have got to know him well on England trips, I think because we share the same instincts for fun and having a hit of a laugh. God bless him, he is absolutely crackers, but there is not a malicious bone in his body. He is a happy-gopractical jokes. He is always ringing your room, pretending to and larking about.

Even when we visited 10

Downing Street last week, he couldn't resist a bit of a laugh. We were encouraged to wear our Euro 9n blazers, but not Gazza; he went in a very loud suit. When we were filing in through the front door, he couldn't resist hammering away at the bell, as if they didn't know he was there already. When Gazza's around, everybody knows about it. It is his way of relaxing and enjoying himself. He means absolutely no harm. Some people seem to take a dim view of him, but it is merely that his jokes are misunderstood, or that he does it at the

wrong time occasionally. The fact is, he's a great influence on the England squad. Even when he was injured, he was great to have around, because he brings everyone together, relaxes every-

lucky lad who is forever playing one. He has got a great gift of being able to talk to anyone. He's at ease equally with the Prime door at No 10. And, when there's a new player in the squad, like Dominic, he'll have a laugh with them, bring them out a bit if they're feeling a little lost. When I got in the England squad he was brilliant with me, he helped me to

It was noticeable the influence he had during Euro 96, because we were all together for so long, and sometimes that can be a bit tedious. But, when Gazza's around, there's no getting bored, and nobody argues.

He's hyperactive, and that's by no means a criticism. He has always got to be doing something. filling his time. During the Euro-pean championship, he was very friendly with myself, Robbie Fowler and Jamie Redknapp. We got to the stage where he had worn us out so much that we had to take

McGhee must hope that he is

not drowned by the tide of public hostility before his

methods take a more success-

ful hold in the Nationwide

Nothing epitomised the un-

certainty more clearly than

Reading's goal in the 69th

minute, the product of their single attack of note. Rich-

ards, suffering more than anybody from a lack of confi-

dence, was indecisive in check-

ing a run across the penalty

area by Lambert, who was

allowed to jink forward and

League first division.

STEVE McMANAMAN



it in shifts to be with him. One of us would go and play snooker, tennis, table tennis, swimming or whatever with him for a couple of hours, while the others rested. Gazza would just keep going for the whole day.

He's a smashing bloke, and

great company. I was really honoured when he invited me to his wedding, and even then, on the biggest day of his life, he didn't forget anyone. He looked after me and Victoria, my girlfriend, and made sure we felt at ease.

I know that a lot of people criticise him, but to me they have got it all wrong about Gazza. Let's face it, everyone's an expert on him, and they all think they know what he is like. Everyone has got a theory about what is wrong with him. But I think he has remained remarkably normal, considering the intrusions that he has to put up with. Can you imagine what it must be like having reporters and photographers following you everywhere? Gazza gets it worse than the royal family

In a way, I feel sorry for him. to be subjected to that sort of scrutiny. And, of course, every little thing he does gets blown out of all proportion. But he manages to carry on as normal, still cheerful,

still getting everyone in the England camp going.

I think what a lot of his critics

have lost sight of is the reason he became so famous in the first place his talent. And he hasn't lost it, no matter what they say. He was voted the best player in Scotland last season, and he had a great Euro 96. That's the thing about him. He's a joker all right, but on the pitch he is deadly serious because he loves his football. He lives for it.

ou can see the pride he has in the England shirt, and as he proved against Scotland. he can change a game with a flash of brilliance. He has got that spark of genius, the ability to change the course of a game in one moment, and he is so unpredictable, which is what defenders hate. On top of that, he works really hard, too.

Equaliser

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Machin

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BY NICK SZCZEPANIK

ON SATURDAY'S evidence,

you can see why Brian Moore,

the television commentator.

supports Gillingham; after the

rarefied atmosphere of the

European Cup Champions

League, a little rough and

tumble must be a welcome

change. However, the team

and the methods which took

the Gills from near extinction

to promotion to the Nation-

wide League second division

last season (winning few

friends among neutrals) may

need an overhaul, as Tony

Pulis, their manager, admit-ted after a hard-fought draw

"We look tired," he said.

We've got a small squad and

are asking people to perform

at their maximum twice a

week: we need to improve the

squad with a little more quali-

ty and a little more depth. The

difference in this division is in

both boxes — if you make

mistakes you get punished.

Having said that, we miss the

two front players, Big Leo

[Fortune-West] and Steve But-

"The referee was very strong," Mel Machin, the

Bournemouth manager, said

by way of contrast. They committed a lot of unneces-

sary fouls." From a free-kick

awarded for one of those fouls,

when Bryant brought

O'Brian's promising run to an

untimely end. Bournemouth

took the lead. Holland's quick-

ly taken kick caught the defen-

sive wall and goalkeeper.

Play flowed more freely after the interval, mainly to-

wards the Gillingham goal;

the visitors, who have lost all

their home games, looked

and threatened to increase the

lead whenever Omoyimni, on

loan from West Ham United,

was in possession. So, when Ratcliffe's long shot, saved at

full stretch by Glass, began a

period of pressure during

which Onuora equalised from

a corner, it was a surprise to

"It was going well wide, he didn't have to save it," the

manager lamented. "We lost

the guy on the far post, it hit

someone on the back and went

everyone - except Machin.

Stannard, unawares.

ler, who are injured."

with his former club.

Gillingham..

I feel on the same wavelength as him. On the pitch I can read his game reasonably well, and he is always creating things for me. When I played on the right, he was next to me in midfield, and he is always giving you the ball, then making himself available to take it back. That's the sort of person you want alongside you, someone who is not scared of taking that

responsibility.
Gazza is the subject of a relevision programme this evening and, typically, the media has picked up on one of his comments. They are banging on about drinking with England again. To be honest, it is not an issue at all.

Some people have picked up on Glenn Hoddle supposedly laying down the law about drinking and discipline, but it's just not the case. because he doesn't have to. The players are not interested. The manager let the players have a drink on Saturday night, but nobody was too bothered. What we are all concentrating on is the importance of getting those three

McGhee defiant as Wolves lose the tactical plot

BY RICHARD HOBSON

AS THE sound of booing resounded around Molineux. Mark McGhee, the Wolverhampton Wanderers manager, stood in front of his dugout, motionless, his hands pressed against his hips. Finally, he removed his baseball cap, scratched his head and trudged back towards the tunnel. There was much to

followed, he sought reassur-

emerged to restate his commitment to a system that is not

that we will continue to play the ball from the back," McGhee said. "In the long run we will win games this way. I know it is right." With three men at the back, including Neil Emblen as a sweeper in the second half, the system is similar to the one that Glenn Hoddle has in mind at inter-

steer his shot beyond Stowell. Thereafter, Richards could not In the private hour that national level. It demands open minds and patience get rid of the ball quickly enough. Wolves have now lost through the learning process. their past three home games to defensive errors that McGhee Queasy QPR smell

Queens Park Rangers .. 0

By MARK HODKINSON

THE omens were not good for Queens Park Rangers, not good at all. Before a ball had been kicked they were 6-1 down, and that was just the mascot count.

Grimsby Town fielded four regulation schoolboys but also had two ogres in oilskins. Mighty Mariner and his sinister, pint-sized doppelgänger. Mini Mariner. Heads wobbling, beards flapping in the wind, these fancy-dressed gargoyles positively spooked

An away match at Grimsby. Barnsley, or Port Vale, is seen as the ultimate indignity for a team recently banished from the FA Carling Premiership. They are the games that distinguish the men from the boys, the monsters from the mascots.

The Queens Park Rangers players will have smelt Grimsby before they saw it. The roud sign reads: "Welcome to Great Grimsby. Europe's food city," and then, on cue, a waft of foodstuffs being boiled or canned on a nearby industrial estate, sweeps

This strangely scented air did not agree with the visitors. especially in the first half. The lanky trio of McDonald. Plummer and Ready looked uncomfortable facing Grims-by's sure-footed Mendonca and Forrester. A hopeful ball into the penalty area was allowed to bounce free and, while the defenders tried to find their balance. Mendonca guided it into the goal.

work, work."

GRIMSBY TOWN (4.4-2) J Peercey — J McDermott, A Fickling, S Lurngstone, T Gallmone — G Childe (subr. N Southell, Gamm), C Shakaspaare, I Widdington, K Black, — C Mendonca, J Forrester (subr. N March 1988)

Woods, 74).

OUSEINS PARK RANGERS (4-4-2) J
Schmer – k Ready, C Plummer (sub: D
Maddix, 47). A McDonald, R Brevett — M
Graham, S Barker, M Brazier, A Impey (sub: M
Mahoney-Johnson, 76) — T Sinclar, D
Oichio.
Referee: D Allinson

Grimsby swarmed over Rungers and their habitual response was to send the ball skywards, in the rough direcsimply unpopular among supporters, but has yet to be embraced confidently by his

"It is me who is demanding

describes as "jokes". In mitigation. McGhee has had awful luck with injuries. something fishy He hopes to complete the signing of the German midfield player. Jeus Dowe, from Grimsby Town2 tion of either Dichio, Sinclair Hamburg on Wednesday, and, by Christmas, when or the North Sea. Another goal was inevita-Williams, Curle, Thomas, Osble, though it came from an born and Goodman should unusual source. The ball was have recovered, his team will

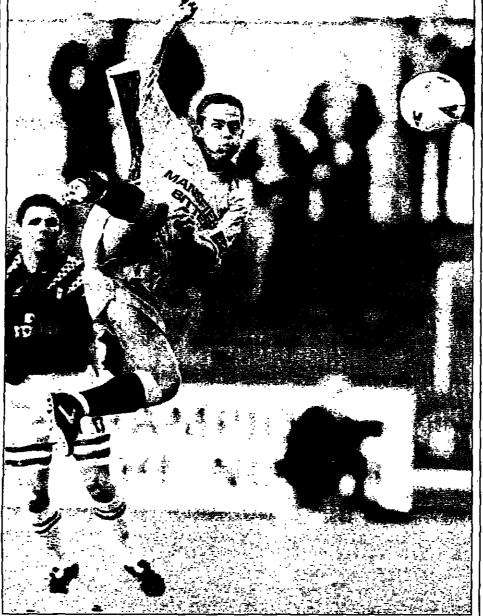
> partially cleared to be much changed. Widdrington a few yards He is aware, however, that from the edge of the penalty his predecessor suffered simiarea. Hitting the net seemed lar problems and lost his job. an impossibility, with the goal "If Graham Taylor had had area packed and Sommer Thomas, Froggatt, de Wolf safely on his line. Widdand Daley fit, then Wolves rington met it squarely and it would be in the Premiership arched over everyone to a now," he said. "The fact is that precise. almost pre-deterhe is no longer here and I am mined spot in the top corner not prepared to suffer the of the net.

> Reading had lost all five of Seven minutes later, when the same player tried the same their previous away League shot, he comfortably cleared games, but their joint playerthe Osmond stand behind the manager, Mick Gooding, felt goal, a feat met with an ironic that his players gained inspiration from the quality of the pitch, the stadium and the Stewart Houston, Rangers' hyperactive manager, scrib-bled away in a notebook as he 23,193 crowd. "The fact that Mark McGhee used to manage Reading had nothing to do fidgeted on the touchline. Presumably, he must have with it," Gooding said. "We written "get stuck in" in large know Wolves have had probletters, because his team did lems when teams get men just that after the break. behind the ball. The crowd are very passionate and we thought, if we could frustrate Sinclair had their best chance when he drove the ball fiercethem, it would affect their

> ly towards goal, only for Livingstone to deflect. plavers.' Houston was upset that his Gooding could not have been more right. Atkins had a team was galvanised only long-range effort turned away after falling two goals behind. "We are leaking goals and not Wright, on loan from scoring. We have to come to Nottingham Forest, while places like Grimsby and get Bull, as ever the most potent threat, hit the side netting after results. We are going to try and put it right in training this week. We will work, a powerful burst. In the second half, Crowe, the substitute, shot over the bar in a one-Grimsby, glamorous or not. on-one situation. At 18, he is entitled to feel stage fright. already know this creed and blend it with not a little skill. Others do not have that Six mascots is merely a bonus.

excuse. WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS (3-5-2): M Stowell — D Picherds, M Verus, A Thompson — J Smith (sub: S Romano, 59min): S Corga: Isub N Embler. 45), M Attors, D Ferguson, S Proggeti — S Bull, I Roberts (sub: G Crowe, 45).

READING (5-3-1-1)* TWight — K Brown, K McPherson, D Wdowczyk (sub: D Caskey, 56), A Bernal, P Bodrn — M Williams (sub: D M Mealer, 63), M Gooding, M Giffes — J Lambert (sub: L Nogen, 83) — T Morley,



Walker, of Mansfield, in acrobatic action at Brunton Park on Saturday

Knighton forced to reschedule fantasy football programme

ver since he announced that he was buying Manchester United and gave a ball-jug-gling display in front of the Stretford End, fantasy and Michael Knighton, the Carlisle United chairman, have never been far apart. Two years ago, Carlisle's success in winning the third division title was proclaimed as the beginning of an inevitable march to the FA Carling

Premiership and beyond. Two years on, and Carlisle are on the march again. In between, though, there was a relegation, which has apparently had a chastening effect on the chairman. "He's keeping a low profile this season." a local journalist said.

Ten-year plans have been shelved. "I think the chairman has realised that that's unattainable, given a club of this size," Mervyn Day, the manager, said. "Realistically, I think we could get to the first division, and when you get there -- and start to get the El million from Sky, and with the young players we've got here from the youth set-up, which is exceptional - then who knows?"

In the meantime, along with the fantasy, there is some

Peter Ball on Carlisle's 1-1 draw with Mansfield

that keeps them on top

of the third division

sound commercial reality. Brunton Park has been transformed. Where sheep used to wander in off the moorlands to graze behind a goal, there is now a sports hall and a floodlit all-weather five-a-side

A match-day restaurant, Foxy's — all glass and glitz outside, plush carpets and table linen inside - feeds the inhabitants of the 48-seat viewing gallery and private boxes in the main stand. Opposite, an imposing new stand is almost complete. All the building, however, has left little cash for creating a team.

Even in subdued mood, Knighton could not resist revealing that he had been approached to return to Manchester, to City, as chief executive by "a consortium seeking to buy the club". He rejected the approach. City, though, might be better advised to turn to Brunton Park for a manager. Under

Day, the relegated side is showing every sign of going straight back up again.

Even though they lost Rod Thomas, who was sent off, perhaps harshly, for a second bookable offence, before halftime on Saturday, their injuryhit side took the point that kept them ahead of Fulham and Wigan Athletic at the top of the third division. In the process they played some excellent football, particularly after the arrival of Matt Jansen, 18, who is an an asthmatic.

Jansen came on, inhaler in hand, to run at Mansfield Town's previously sound defence with considerable affect. "We're looking to bring him on slowly and nurture him fairly gently." Day said, "but he showed everybody what ability he has got?

Jansen is one of several young players coming up through a system that offers Carlisle's best hope for the future that, and their chairman's continuing optimism. CARLISLE UNITED (3-5-2): A Carg - | Walling, J Robinson, S Pounewatchy - | Walling, J Robinson, S Pounewatchy — R Thomas, L. Peacock, S. Hayward, W. Aspmall, O Archdeacon — D Currie (sub. M. Jansen, 66min), D Reeves.

MansFIELD TOWN (3-5-2) I Bowling — S Eustaze, J Doolan, S Watloss — P Shertock, B Sedgemore, D Nen (sub: I Rhobinson, 21), J Walker, S Harper — S Hadley (aub. I Hellwell, 21), S Wood, Referee: P Richards

in. That's been happening to us, especially at home - no luck at all."

GILLINGHAM (3-5-2) J Stannard — M Morris, M Boyani, M Harms (sub D Putrham, 60min) — M O'Comnor (sub G Thomas, 75). A Hessenthaler, S Ratchite, N Smith, I Chapman — D Balley (sub L Piper, 60), I Crucoz.

BOURNEMOLITH (3-5-2) J Glass — R O'Brian (sub E Howe, 26), I Cox, N Young — J Balley, M Dean (sub, J O'Nest, 83), M Holland, S Rohmson, R Beattismore — S Fletcher, M Omoymnu (sub D Town, 83)

Evergreen Nelson able to keep firm grip on Barnet

Barnet . Torquay United0 Soumemouth 1

BY BRIAN GLANVILLE

GARRY NELSON, who has written a successful, muchpraised book about the trials and tribulations of the journeyman footballer, made alnost everyone else at Underhill look like a journeyman by comparison on Saturday.

It should not have been goalless. Thanks chiefly to Nelson — his intelligence, his invention, his inspired persistence up front - Torquay United were dominant nearly throughout, missing a superabundance of chances. Many were thrown away, some were thwarted only by the excellence of Barnet's best player. Maik Taylor, in goal. In the last minute, when Taylor was beaten by a strong, low shot from Hawthorne, Howarth

kicked off the line. Life may not have been easy for Nelson, but at 35 he made things appear simple in a way this Nationwide League third division match must have envied. Against a Barnet team unrecognisable from the gallant side that pushed West Ham United hard in the

Fortune-West, in fact, drew the biggest cheer of the first Coca-Cola Cup, Nelson was a half by limping along the touchline on crutches. Otherteam in himself. With one glorious turn, Nelson freed himself to put wise, the main centre of the crowd's attention was Andrew over a cross which Stamps d'Urso, the referee. "An headed against the bar. Five absolute disgrace," Pulis called him, although to the neutral, the teams rather than the referee seemed responsible for the flurry of yellow cards.

minutes later, Nelson's powerful, low shot was blocked by Taylor. Close to half-time, his cunning feint enabled Ndah to shoot, and Taylor to save, again. Banged into the boards by Pardew early in the second half. Nelson picked himself up, and went on bamboozling Barnet. Although he made things

look so easy. Nelson said: "Iť's much more difficult to play in the third division than the first. At this level, the quality of the service isn't what it is in the first division." Nelson is coaching, too, and

even dropped himself earlier in the season. "It was quite an interesting conversation, really, because I had to keep running round the table say ing: 'In ten years' time, you'd understand. If I can go on doing what I did today, I think I've made the right decision." he said.

BARNET (3-4-3): M Taylor — L Prinus, L Howarth, A Perdew — D McDonald, P Sampson, P Wilson (sub M Tominson, 77mm), S Gale — L Hodges (sub G Brazil 46), S Dewne, J Campbel TOROUAY UNITED (3-5-2): R Wilmot — L Barrow, A Watson, J Gittens — S Winler, M Heavthome, C Clahwy, J Hatherway, S Stamps — G Notson, J Ndah (sub E Laight, 61)

Referee: R Furnandiz

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In pursuit of guide to next step through promised land victorious — in six heady years, O'Neill set the standard by which his would not, he insisted, go the way of that whoever replaced Martin was Wycombe Wanderers going to have a difficult time," he the likes of Barnet and Maidstone

Notts County0

By KEITH PIKE

WANTED: manager for progressive second division club with realistic ambinons: sound financial footing, superbly appointed stadium including new main stand and executive boxes. Team: adequate, but finding form. Excellent career prospects. Write to Ivor Beeks, chairman. Wycombe Wanderers FC (previous applicants need not apply ... unless

their name is Martin O'Neill). And that, of course, is the problem. Having led Wycombe to the promised land of the Football League. along with three promotions and three Wembley appearances - all

successors will be judged and, when you are following a legend, as Alan Smith discovered when released last week after just 15 months in charge at Adams Park, there is often only one

way you can go. It is not up. Wycombe have come so far, so fast, that the first sign of a stutter was always likely to be construed in some quarters as confirmation that here was just one more small club with big pretensions. We have been on a train journey, only we haven't stopped at any of the stations yet." Beeks said on Saturday. But have they hit the buffers? He says not. Ten years ago we were in the Diadora League, and look at us now.

We could not possibly continue to

grow as quickly as we had." They

United. There is no better-run club than Wycombe in the League." Beeks said. A place in the Nationwide League first division by the turn of the century was still a reasonable and attainable goal.

Results and tables

"The supporters have had several years of unparalleled success, but we knew it would have to stop some time," Beeks continued. "What we need now is a period of stability." Smith, it seems, could not provide it, although Beeks has considerable sympathy for the man he let go.

said. "He IO'Neilll had an aura about him and a wonderful rapport with the supporters. He took the club from A to B, but the step from B to C, the first division, is harder still."

Beeks's faith has been strengthened by the quality of those applying to succeed Smith. Five have conside able League experience, and while Ray Wilkins had distanced himself from speculation, the possibility of someone of Steve Coppell's stature arriving might be seen to confirm the standing of the fledgeling club.

Beeks says he might take a month to mull over the possibilities, but in the meantime Neil Smillie is doing his own chances no harm. Reserve team coach under Smith, now acting There is such a level of expectation as caretaker manager, Smillie, hav-

ing guided Wycombe to their first win of the season in midweek, completed a welcome double when Steve McGavin's eighth-minute header accounted for Notts County. Smillie was non-committal about

his intentions. Things have gone well, and it is an enjoyable job when you are winning, but I have been in the job too long to take anything for granted," he said. "Me and the chairman will have a chat about it [the job], but on a sunny day like this, and with three points in the bag there cannot be many better places to

there cannot be many better places to be." O'Neill would have agreed.

WYCOMBE WANDERBS (4-4-2) B Parkin — J Cousins, I Evans, P McCarthy, M Bell — J Williams, M Lawrence, D Carroll, D Famel — M DeScuza (sub S Brown, Edwin). McGavin NOTTS COUNTY 14-1-2? D Ward — C Wilder S Murphy, G Hoog I Baraclough — P Roberson, S Deny, (sub: G Marindale, 85). I Richardson, P Annedy — T Wills (sub: A Agena, 76), V Arkins Seferere C Willes

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it is all about. Polo is the

wildest and most harum-scarum of the horsey sports: I

played once and found that

riding polo-style came easily, because I have been trained to

ride dressage-style.
Richard Davison, one of

Britain's leading dressage rid-

ers, came to the sport from eventing. He had the once-

traditional British attitude to

the sport dressage is about

control and accuracy, and

anyway, they will not let you

belt round the cross-country

course if you do not do your

"I thought I knew what dressage was about," he said.

'I knew nothing." A spell

working at the Spanish Riding

School in Vienna changed all that. He rides now as a full-time professional, working six

horses in the morning, teach-

ing after lunch, office work all

But dressage is not all

soterica. The Horse of the

You might think

dressage is for

wimps, but do

not tell these

massive animals'

Year Show this year had as its

star attraction the riding dis-

plays of the French military riders, the Cadre Noir. This is

merely dressage with attitude:

and rather less difficult stuff

than you see in the silences of

The sport is developing, and

seeking to become audience-

friendly. Freestyle dressage to

music is the new thing:

displayed at the Olympic

Games in Atlanta this year, for the first time, and providing a

rich morning of sport for

30,000 people in the audience.

There was also a musical event at the Horse of the Year

Show yesterday. Some purists

find it kitsch and awful; others

see it as the way forward to

In dressage, a horse's real power must be balanced on a

knife-edge of concentration. It

is not the most obedient but

the most athletic horse that

wins. And it is up to the rider

to bring out that athleticism

and allow the horse to express

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pefect balance. But I

watched him do his stuff. I

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German star nas

the Grand Prix.

popular appeal.

the joy of it.

gant movements.

A new

dressage first.

Simon Barnes marvels at the Horse of the Year Show dressage competition

Harnessing the power, savouring the glory

ower. That is what the horse sports are all about. You ask anyone. "It's about domination, isn't it?" the nonhorsey people will say. Having power over some huge animal. Making it obey you. Thar's why you like it,

The horsey people - in every possible horsey discialso know in their hearts that their sport is about power. But it is not the power of rider over horse. It is about the power of the horse itself.

It is about taking that colossal power of the horse and harnessing it. Or rather, bridling it. But you see what I mean. The horse sports do not subdue the power of the horse:

they glory in it.

This is as true of Frankie Dettori, riding his seven winners on an enchanted afternoon last weekend, as it is of the competitors in the Grand Prix dressage event at the Horse of the Year Show at Wembley on Saturday.

But, oddly enough, dressage has been the most colossally misunderstood of all the horsey sports: not just by outsiders and anti-horse people, but by horsey people themselves. It has become confused with the national stereotype of the German people: perhaps a traditional misunderstanding of the Germans has been at the heart of the British misconcep-

tion of dressage.
"My horse will do what I want, because I make him like machine. So I use beastly cruel methods to have my way with him. He will obey!" But it is not like that at all, as the Brits are beginning to learn.

Watch the prize-giving ceremony, when the work is over. and the horses know it. And they do not obey at all. You have never seen such a scatty. spooky bunch of beasts in your life: skittering over the Wembley Arena as if school was let out: the riders, all in their swallow-tailed coats, so tautly concentrated before, now grinning and hanging on to their top hats.

Like the outfits, the sport itself is both absurd and perfect. It is the only horsey discipline in which mature stallions regularly compete at the highest level.

You might think dressage is for wimps: but do not tell these massive male animals. They look like equine Arnold Schwarzeneggars: but more muscley and rather more pleased with themselves.

You might also think that e is "unnaturai". After all, it is about making a horse dance and spin in response to his rider's polite and tactfullyphrased requests. But watch a bunch of horses playing in a field: they will run through the gamut of the sport. A horse can and will spontaneously perform every movement in

dressage. All of which makes dres-

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Davison, one of Britain's leading riders, competes on Askari at Wembley. "I thought I knew what dressage was about," he said. "I knew nothing."

sage, by a distance, the most wonderful and mysterious of horsey sports: a conundrum of communication: the sublimely subtle work of the rider and the bounding athleticism and supple gymnastics of the

Prix dressage took place more or less behind closed doors, on Saturday morning, before the place had filled up. Competitors and their supporters that was about it. "He's missed that transition into piaffe again." And the riders, living

scarcely a soul to care. It is an

acutely lonely business.

I was reminded of a wonderfully ambiguous film review: "Four hours," it said, "of aching beauty." Grand Prix dressage is rather like that. It is glorious, it is perfect, but it is

to watch. On the other hand, an extraordinary amount of people actually do it.

This is a country with three million regular riders and six million occasional ones, and dressage is the fastest-growing sport of the lot. Dressage is a

and endless involvement; precisely what many people seek

from horses. Dressage is also the basis of all good riding other than the galloping of racehorses, and the basis of all good training, including training for

original decision remains." Geoff Billington produced one of **BASKETBALL**

Dunning a victim of life at the bottom

By Nicholas Harling

AS NICK NURSE yesterday basked in the glow of becoming the first coach in England this season to plot the downfall of London Towers, the Budweiser League champions, two of his contemporaries reflected on life's crueller

Mark Dunning's dismissal by Hemel and Watford Royals made him the first coaching casualty of the season. His departure was confirmed shortly before Bob Donewald, the Leicester Riders coach. made an equally undignified exit from Hemel Hempstead's court. For telling the officials what he thought of them, Donewald was ejected from the Dacorum Centre in the econd quarter.

Nurse's satisfaction had come from Birmingham Bullets' 69-62 victory over London Towers in the National Indoor Arena, the first meeting of the clubs since Tony Dorsey inspired the Bullets to their playoff triumph at Wembley last May. It took four new Americans to replace their exceptional compatriot adequately when Dorsey subsequently left for Bayreuth, in Germany. The individual flair is gone. but Nurse now has a sprightly

This was a gutsy, gutsy team performance," Nurse said after the Bullets had emerged from the adversity of Scott Wilke's half-time sickness in the locker room and Fabulous Flournoy's injuries. "I'll give you two days off if you give me 20 more minutes on the court]," Nurse told Wilke -- he duly obliged. scoring 20 points. Flournoy, who started with a bruised toe, sprained his ankle. "It was two different tape jobs on the same foot," Nurse said.

By slowing the game down through Nigel Lloyd in the back court and combatting the Towers' press, the Bullets made up a 15-9 deficit to lead by 24 points before Towers staged an inevitable rally. "It was pretty obvious what we were trying to do, but we happened to do it rather well," Nurse said.

Dunning's one-year stay at Hemel ended hours after their 122-56 defeat away to Sheffield Sharks on Friday — the worst loss of his career. He would the spectators, whether they have left of his own accord had Hemel lost again to Leicester are steeped in the sport or not. exploded onto the dressage call, Vince Macaulay-Razaq, world: Without A Doubt, he is the Hemel owner, beat him to called, and he is gifted with the it. The team not being competitive was something I couldn't handle," Dunning most extraordinarily extrava-He finished second - he said. Under Macaulaycannot yet keep all that power Razaq's coaching, Hemel

fared little better, succumbing

101-78 to the Riders, in spite of

Donewald's curtailed contri-

bution as coach.

Mathey's triumph is music to Belgian ears

By JENNY MACARTHUR

BRITISH riders proved no match for the fleet-footed Belgians on the last day of the Horse of the Year Show yesterday. Francois Mathey won the speed horse of the year event on Shurlands Governor with his compatriot Eric Wauters, the winner of the main event on the second night, taking

second place on Isaura Vand de Helle. The best performance by a Briton came from Michael Whitaker, the winner last year, who had to settle for third place on Elton after finishing nearly a second outside Mathey's time. His elder brother. John, who decided not to commute to the Bremen Classic in Germany yesterday after finishing outside the top ten in the opening round on Friday, lost his

chance of a fourth win here when Randi incurred four faults at fence

Mathey, 26, attributed his lightningfast round partly to the vociferous Wembley crowd. "They are different from other shows." he said. "They are more involved - it seems they are all riding with you."

Earlier in the day the crowd had voiced its disapproval with the outcome of the Volvo World Cup dressage qualifier, a freestyle-to-music competition won by the Canadian, Penny Rockz, on her Addington winner, Winsome, with the Great Britain Olympic rider Richard Davison, on Askari, in second place. The event ended in uproar when the young German professional, Heiner

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Boardman

in form to

regain title

CHRIS Boardman and

Yvonne McGregor, the British

holders of the men's and

women's world one-hour

records, are in the first wave of

an outstanding test on his young horse, Without A Doubt, was eliminated after a muddle over his music. Schiergen, 26, the last to go, started

his test only to find that the first part of the tape had been wiped off. He signalled for the music to stop and, after protracted discussions, his groom was dispatched to fetch a second tabe Restarted after an eight-minute

delay, Schiergen produced the most attractive test of the day, which was greeted as the winning one. It was then announced that he had exceeded the time allowed before starting. Schiergen immediately appealed

against his elimination but was unsuccessful. David Hunt, speaking for the appeal committee, said: "The riders are responsible for their tapes.

Schiergen was initially given two minutes by the judges to represent two minutes but still did not start. In fairness to the other riders, the judges'

the more lighthearted moments of the show in the Puissance competition on Saturday, in which he shared the first prize with John Whitzker, on Elanville, and Michael Whitaker, on Elton. In the penultimate round, Billington, ever the showman. scooped up a glass of champagne as he and Mancuso cantered past the viewing restaurant, downed the contents and then, to resounding cheers from the capacity 8,000 crowd, proceeded to jump clear over the 6ft 10in

Adrenalin rises as leaders speed across Bay of Biscay to think that I spent hours before the BT Lucy Duncan finds

Global Challenge wondering what book or tape to take with me now seems faintly ludicrous. For during this past week, virtually every spare moment I've had has been grabbed for more sleep. to keeping strange hours as a

the national team leaving today for the world road championships, which start in Lugano, Switzerland, on Both want to improve on their Atlanta Olympic timetrial performances, where Boardman won silver and McGregor, well below her usual form, finished in four-

teenth place. McGregor will be the first of the pair to ride when she competes in Wednesday's 26.4 kilometre trial on an undulating course alongside Lake Lugano. "I'm fit now after a few days' final training in the Lake District and am also looking forward to the road race on Saturday," she said

Boardman, who won the inaugural world time-trial title in 1994, races on Thursday in the 40.4 kilometre

Boardman goes to Switzerland after a remarkable run of success that started at the end pursuit championship tri-umph, continued with the world one-hour record (56.375 kilometres at the Manchester velodrome), and ended, eight days ago, with a fifth international time-trial victory in as Never one to take the easy

option, Boardman is mentally

more relaxed now that Miguel

indurain of Spain has said he will not defend his title.

midwife, having worked shifts for the past 15 years, nothing

could have prepared me for the sheer exhaustion that sets in at the end of every watch. That's not a complaint, just a statement of fact. It is an incredibly satisfying feeling to sink into a bunk and fall asleep within minutes. It's amazing what one can sleep through. One night we had a close encounter with a passing

ship and I slept through an emergency spinnaker drop and several blasts on Concert's foghorn. After a week at sea, surrounded by blue ocean and dolphins; memories of the start are already hazy. Now that we are south of Spain, it's

hard to imagine how wet, cold

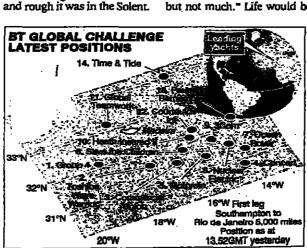
life tiring but exhilarating on

global challenge However, I know it must have been - because I wrote it all

down the next day. I remember the surge of adrenalin as the starting gun sounded, mixed with more apprehension than I have felt since my first contact with a "real" patient as a student nurse. That proved to be insignificant compared with the feeling two days later when we crossed the Bay of Biscay in first place. I am by nature fairly competitive, but I

markable effect of race position on crew morale. For our period leading the pack, the excitement was huge and, even now in fourth place. we still feel we are doing well and life is good. As Chris Tibbs, our skipper, put it: "I feel for the boats at the back. but not much." Life would be

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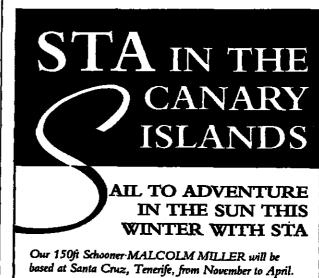
Union were becalmed. Despite our good start, it has not all been plain sailing. My problem with sleep pales beside that of Chris and Brian Beaumont, one of our two

Chris is on 24-hour call and gets called rather a lot, while Brian's period of sleeplessness came as a result of a broken generator. Four days ago, it expired completely and then the engine, our alternative source of power, overheated. Brian, a software engineer, spent virtually all of his offwatch repairing it and hooking it up to the watermaker. This precipitated a stampede for the shower but saved us an unscheduled stop for repairs.

There is a standing joke on board, based on a previous article that had mentioned Matthew Fletcher (the other bowman) and Brian "preparing lunch" in the galley during a corporate day's sailing just before the start. This does not fit their image of rough, tough sailing types, but they are now saddled with the label "bowmen who make lunch".

The jibe at the bowmen is not entirely fair. One of my hazy memories of the start included the feeling of relief that I did not have to spend the entire time on the foredeck. Wet and cold is a pitifully inadequate description of conditions up there. Even in the Solent, the waves crashing across it can take your breath away - if you are not clipped on properly, they will take the

The feeling of unreality continues. Two weeks ago, I was working on the labour ward. Now I am in the middle of a yacht race and still feel as if it is happening to someone else.



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was a surprisingly straightforward victory for the qualifier from the United States. Chang, on his own admis-sion, had enjoyed some luck along the way before beating Rusedski, of Great Britain, 7-6, 6-3, and he could have no complaints about his loss to Stark, who took just 72 minutes to secure only the second

in the final of the Singapore

Open yesterday, going down 6-4, 6-4 to Jonathan Stark. It

title of his career. Chang, the world No 2, who was seeking his eleventh win in Asia, could not cope with the fierce 131mph services of Stark. 25, who belied his world ranking of 101. Stark, in contrast, broke Chang's service twice, completing the match with two aces, the second his fifteenth in the

Rusedski, who had led 4-1 in the first-set tie-breaker, gave Chang credit for his resilience. Michael played some good points in the tie-breaker at 4-4 missed a simple approach, and at 5-6 he guessed right," Rusedski said.

"It was just a little luck in the match that made the difference. Michael is No 2 and he proved that. He played the big points well."

waved at him. Distrustful of the

signs that were being brandished at

him from the McLaren personnel

on the pit wall, he did not know in

what position he had finished,

whether he had won the ritle or not.

Even when they told him he had

finished third behind Andretti and

Depailler and was world champion

by one point, he refused to believe it.

to think I was world champion and

then get disappointed," Hunt said.

There were 300 reasons why some-

thing should have gone wrong.

After all the protests and disqualifi-

cations that season, anything might

the podium presentations were over

and I went into the press-room for a

bit of a chat. When I came out, it

was pitch black and everyone had

gone. I reckoned that, even if

anyone had wanted to do anything

about taking the title from me, they

couldn't be bothered. They'd had

enough. I decided to accept it.

must be world champion."

"It was nearly dark by the time

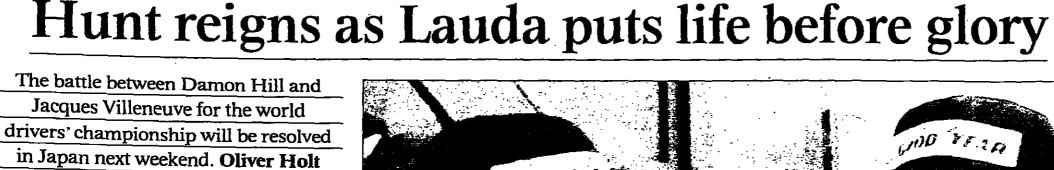
still happen.

I was absolutely determined not

Like Rusedski, Tim Henman's hopes of an ATP Tour victory were ended at the semifinal stage, when he was beaten 6-1, 6-3 by Yevgeny Kafelnikov in Lyons. The French Open champi-

on, defeated by Henman at the start of the Briton's run to the Wimbledon quarter-finals, went on to claim the title yesterday - his fourth of the season — by beating Arnaud Boetsch, of France, 7-5, 6-3.

Kafelnikov, the No 2 seed. needed just 23 minutes to take the first set against Henman as he capitalised on his rival's errors. The Russian ran off five consecutive games, and although Henman rallied in the second set, Kafelnikov went on to complete his victory inside 48 minutes. "I didn't have any chances against him." Henman said. played too well."



pour had lasted for most of the morning and Mount Fuji was lost in cloud. When the cars roared off the grid, hidden in a wall of spray, at the

start of the Japanese Grand Prix, it looked as though a tidal wave was hurtling down the main straight, a giant flood washing away the ills of a season and dousing the fires that had almost consumed it.

Niki Lauda was back in the pack somewhere, his face still horribly scarred and pinched after his accident at the Nurburgring less than three months earlier, when flames had swallowed up his stricken Ferrari. Despite extensive burns and damage to his lungs, he had returned two races later, desperate to try to preserve what had once been a seemingly invincible 26-point championship lead.

The Austrian had competed in three races by the time that the Formula One circus arrived in Fuji for the last race of the season, the first in Japan. His lead, though, had been dramatically eroded by the swashbuckling performances of James Hunt, who was trying to become the first Briton to win the championship since Graham Hill eight years before. Lauda's advantage, in fact, was just three points.

Perhaps it was because death had brushed so close to Lauda already, perhaps it was the freak conditions, but there was an almost supernatural air

had been visited on it in the midst of the day. Hunt led away from the start, but Lauda, who could still not blink or focus properly because of his injuries, could barely see and was soon being passed by backmarkers.

On the second lap, he retired



opens a series on dramatic conclusions

slowly, you could be washed away. After the second lap, I go into the pits. I am not going to drive because it is madness. It is just like murder out there. Sometimes 1 could not tell which direc-

tion the car was going. For me, there is something more important than the world championship." Lauda's early exit left Hunt needing only to finish third to clinch the title, but after the chaotic season he had endured he was in a state of

high anxiety. The atmosphere that year was similar to the one that prevailed in 1994, brimful of disqualifactions and arguments over rules, bursting with trauma and anger.

Hunt had been disqualified after

winning the Spanish Grand Prix at Jarama and then reinstated. He had been disqualified from the British Grand Prix at Brands Hatch after he had won it. He had been forced to start from the back of the grid at the Italian Grand Prix because of a spurious ruling about his fuel. Nothing had gone smoothly for him that season and the trend did not change in Japan. Hunt led for the first 61 laps of the

73-lap race, but from about the halfway stage, the rain had abated and the track had started to dry, causing tyres to

TOMORROW

Nigel Mansell's tale:

lucky to be alive rather

than unjucky not to

Andretti.

wear more quickly. The more watchful attempted to preserve them by veering into puddles to keep them wet, but Hunt had eschewed that tactic and, on the 62nd lao. he was overtaken by the Tyrrell of Patrick

For some laps, Hunt had been frantically waving to the pits each time he passed, desperate for guidance about when he should change tyres. There were no in-car radios then and Hunt mistook an stupid this race is," Lauda recount- arrow telling him to come in to the puncture, so the mechanics could

Depailler and the Lotus of Mario



that McLaren did not know what to Each lap he stayed out, the more his pursuers gained on him.

had known from before halfdistance there would be tyre problems." Hunt said, "and I began to ask the McLaren pit what to do. If I had done it my way I would have been in at half-distance for new tyres and I would probably have won that race by a lap.

"The tyres, the tyres, that was the only thing I could think about. And I didn't want to make the decision. The team had all the information about the rate of tyre wear and they should have told me what to do. Their only response was the question mark, so the only thing I could do was stay out and that nearly cost me the championship."

Five laps from the end, with Hunt in third place, his McLaren's left front tyre disintegrated on the corner before the pit straight. He managed to limp into the pits. but his rear left tyre also had a slow ed. "On these streams, you are as pits for a question mark, a signal not get the jacks under that side of

women members meant that

Lord's contravened Sports

To try to raise instant cash,

Lord's has been forced to turn

to its members. MCC is giving existing members the chance

to become life members, with the price set according to the

member's age: from £4,000 for

those horn after 1957 to EL750

for members who are 60 or

It is the plan to seek addi-

tional funding by offering a

new, instant, life membership.

that has prompted most con-

troversy. Like all the best

private clubs, you can only succeed to MCC membership

by winning the support of a

proposer and seconder and

then waiting for a member-

ship vacancy to arise. Since

death is normally the only

time existing members relin-

quish their MCC member-

ship, the waiting-list is

famously long. At present there are around 9,500 people

in the queue, meaning an

average wait of around 20

years. Now 250 people are

going to have the chance of

jumping the queue by paying £10,000 for the privilege of life membership — adding £2.5 million to the MCC's coffers.

In a country that has made a

virtue of orderly waiting-lists, queue-jumping was never going to be popular. As MCC has pointed out, however, it is

not the first time Lord's has

employed this tactic to raise

money. In 1864, 26 life mem-

bers provided £780 to buy out

the original lease of the ground. In 1899, 200 people on the waiting-list paid £200 for

instant membership to help to

finance the building of the

Mound Stand and clock tow-

er, while in 1924 the same

system was again used to help

The £10,000 figure has been derived using the same formu-la employed to determine

queue-jumping membership in the past — 66 times the

annual membership fee. Sur-

prisingly, MCC seems to have

found a way of reconciling its private club tradition with the

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Lord's ground's position as the

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build the grandstand.

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the car and had to lift it bodily. His pit stop took 27 seconds.

Hunt did not know what position he was in when he emerged from the pits but, on fresh tyres, he was significantly quicker than the rest. The only thing I could do," he said, was shut my eyes and floor it and pass as many cars as I could." In one manoeuvre, he passed the Ferrari of Clay Regazzoni and the Surtees of Alan Jones on the outside of a still slippery bend. On the next lap, as the sun was

beginning to set, he was surprised to see the chequered flag being



Hunt learns that he has finished third and won the title by a point

Chapple in no mood for excuses

Macclesfield Town

GEOFF CHAPPLE has lifted Woking from the lowest reaches of the Isthmian League to the forefront of the Vauxhall Conference in a 12year run of success at

Having ensured the ground will pass muster by completing a new stand and having finished second in the Confer ence last season, the demands on him to maintain the momentum and take Woking the final step into the Football

me. I'm the man to do it." Macclesfield spurned an early chance when Steve

for to make it 3-1 in the 82nd minute, and althoughSteele fired an immediate reply. Macclesfield had too much know-how to allow Woking final assault that may have fired up their muted supporters.

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from the race. "I was thinking how

Woking.

By Walter Gammie

So, after defeat by Macclesfield Town on Saturday left Woking II points adrift of Stevenage Borough, the leaders, Chapple was in no mood to spare himself or his team. "It was not good enough,"

he said. "Two or three players are just not performing as they should. If we don't get an improvement, I've got to move things before they move

Wood missed a penalty, and then admirable control and a neat finish by Clive Walker gave Woking the lead in the 33rd minute. But it was wiped out by half-time. Wood thumping the ball in after repeated failures to clear a corner. Williams then raced away for the second after a dawdling Jones was caught in possession.

Wood was given all the time and space he could wish

WOKING (5-3-2) J Gregory — R Taylor, F Brown, C Fielder (sub S Steele, 65min), Palmer (sub, T Howard, 46), D Timothy — /

encourage queue-jumping hat normally sedate body — the MCC mem-■ bership — has been stirred into revolt twice in the

past few months by its own executive committee. Lord's cricket ground desperately needs upgrading and MCC has unveiled plans for a new £30 million grandstand. At the same time. Lord's is also planning to add a new £2.6 million media centre at the Nursery End. Radical change is rarely popular at private members'

clubs. Lord's is no exception. so it is, perhaps, almost inevitable that some members would want to air their grievances. The new media centre has

drawn their ire because of its futuristic design. Equally, there has been concern about the role of NatWest, which already contributes heavily to the sport through its sponsorship of the NatWest Trophy ne-day competition, in funding the development. MCC has, however, had to seek such controversial methods of finance because its membership system limits the amounts it can raise in a normal year. On the face of it, Lord's



Why Lord's is planning to

finals and guaranteed Test and one-day international income, but most of its £5 million-worth of annual ticket income has been paid direct to development

income from other sources. such as catering and broadinsufficient to finance the reapplied for a Sports Council grant to help with its redevel-

the Test and County Cricket Board. The club also earns casting rights, but that is Ironically, it is the Lord's members' continuing reluctance to allow female members that has forced the MCC to take drastic action. Lord's

opment but was turned down. in part because the veto on

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in a nutshell, London Irish are being pressured by the IRFU to release their Ireland players for provincial duty in the European Cup, which starts this weekend. The exiles are extremely reluctant to comply with these wishes, not least because they, too, are competing in Europe and see a direct conflict of interests.

We want to work with the provinces, but believe it would be unfair to provide players for the other sides competing in Europe, when we are competing ourselves." Duncan Leopold, chief executive of London Irish, said. "After all." he added, mimicking the words of the English club executives, "it is we who pay the salaries."

So, against this colourful backdrop, and with the prospect of flying to Ireland straight after the match for international squad training. Jeremy Davidson, standing in for the injured Gary Halpin, led his team out at Sunbury on Saturday to face a dynamresurgent Bath, who looked every inch the defend-

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ing Courage club champions. Bath were back to their very best in this encounter. Guscott was in startling form. His flair, coupled with Catt's reading of the game, drove Bath to victory. The other revelation was the form of the two Bath wings. An outstanding combination of Robinson, who looked dangerous whenever the ball came near him, and the supremely talented Adebayo, who must surely be in the running for an England place next month, rocked the London Irish defence.

In contrast, the home side seemed out of sorts, even when in possession and on the attack. The downside for Bath was losing two key players through injury. Nicol and de Glanville left the field during the game and are likely to be out for the next few weeks. Bath's strength in depth will be tested to the full without them, but if there is more strength like that displayed by Nicol's replacement, Charlie Harrison, then

they have nothing to fear. Bath never eased off. from their opening score, a try by Callard to their two wings running in five tries between them. Also in the scoring lineup were Webster, Guscott and Redman, the lock. The London Irish tries came from Briers. O'Shea and Walsh, O'Shea completing the scor-

ing with his second of the day. Now London Irish have to contemplate their fifth defeat in six games, while analysing how best to deal with their IRFU negotiations, Rumours that Ireland will ignore any player who opts out of provincial duties adds confusion to yet another political debate in which the players are being used as pawns.

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RUGBY UNION: AMBITIOUS ITALIANS MAKE STRONG ARGUMENT FOR RECOGNITION IN TENSE CONTEST

Wales struggle to maintain their grip

FROM DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT IN ROME

GIANCARLO DONDI already has one political feather in his cap, since Rome is hosting the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB) meeting for the first time this week. The Italian Rugby Federation's new president almost he watched his side haul themselves back into the contest with Wales at the Stadio Olimpico here, only to let the advantage slip.

Dondi, for many years the Italy tour manager overseas, has set the goal of joining the five nations' championship during his tenure of office and he knows he has the sympathetic ear of Vernon Pugh, the IRFB chairman. Not only that, Italian teams over the past few years have proved capable of mixing it with the home unions and even with Australia, whom they play in Padova in just over a fortnight: one further impressive set of results this season would look

persuasive indeed. Yet, for all Italy's ambition, this was far from their best display in recent seasons. Georges, Coste, their coach, could not cover up the lack of match practice since the side last played, in March, while Wales had the advantage of meetings with the Barbarians and France already. When Italy arrive at Twickenham on November 23, the boot will be on the other foot.

By then, Italy expect that Julian Gardner, their Australian-born flanker, will be fit and the rift between Coste and Marcello Cuttitta, will be mended. Cuttitta was largely overlooked during the World Cup last year and retired in a huff; now his younger brother. Massimo. who is the Italy captain, has helped to patch up matters and the springheeled wing may grace Twickenham as he has in the past.

Curiously, it was on the flanks that Italy were most exposed: they offered a competitive back row and a wellorganised midfield, only to let themselves down on the few occasions that Wales raided down the touchlines. The beneficiaries were Dafydd James and Gareth Thomas, the Bridgend players who had



Thomas, the centre, dives over in the corner for the second Wales try during their defeat of Italy in Rome. Photograph: Dave Rogers/Allsport

little to be ashamed of on a day when the Wales managemen were left to shake their heads in despair at their team's capacity to self-destruct.

"It's difficult to understand rhy we should dissipate a lead so frequently," Terry Cobner, the Wales director of rugby, said. Cobner acknowledged the difficulty that his players appeared to have in lifting themselves before a crowd of no more than 15,000. but gone are the days when Wales can afford to take Italy

Just as they did against France last month. Wales raced into an early lead - this time of 13 points - only to be hauled in like a fish gasping

they afternoon. however. could not offer the same invention that they displayed in Cardiff and lost their grip at the lineout and in the loose, where countless balls were spilt in the tackle. Kevin Bowring, their coach, still cries out for greater physical presence from the back row and there are hints that not only Richard Webster, fit again after a knee injury, but Dale McIntosh may be consid-

McIntosh, the New Zealander who has played so consistently for Pontypridd at No 8, flirted with Scotland four years ago and managed an A appearance; now he is on the verge of residential qualifi-cation for his adopted Wales

ered there.

and, after low-key games by Steve Williams, his time may come in December, assuming that the game with Australia is played. To be fair, Williams was hindered by an ankle injury acquired early in the game and may have been better advised to leave the

Wayne Proctor did leave it, on a motorised stretcher after an aerial collision with Paulo Vaccari. The Wales full back came off worse in a clash of heads and required a precautionary scan - he suffered concussion and must rest for the mandatory three weeks -which left Leigh Davies substituting in an unfamiliar would have made a better fist

of defending his line when Diego Dominguez kicked on a loose ball is a matter for debate but Italy were unlucky that Orlandi was not awarded a try that, with the conversion. would have given them a onepoint lead with less than ten minutes to play.

They had already recovered to lead 22-21 going into the final quarter, which at least sparked a response from Wales: Gibbs blasted a hole in midfield and Thomas charged through for his second try in what was his eleventh game of the season, far too many in so short a time for one of his country's few obvious assets. That Jenkins, shaded in the kicking duel with Dominguez,

with an injury-time penalty was scant justice for Italy.

Saracens teach below-par Bristol some home truths

Bristoi Saracens21 By JOHN HOPKINS

THERE are compliments that are well meant but meaningless, and compliments that are unexpected and more valid for being so. When Rob Cunningham, the Saracens coach, said that persuading Alan Davies to coach Bristol represented the best piece of recruitment the West Country club had ever done, then there was a compliment that clearly fell into the latter category. There is no doubting the

ability of Davies, the former Wales coach, but even he was unable to conjure up what would have been a fourth Courage Clubs Championship victory of the season for his team.

Apart from the first ten minutes, when Robert Jones orchestrated Bristol's every move, it all seemed too frantic. It was as if they thought they had half as much time as they really did. "They were so keen to do well, they even did the bad things badly," Davies

Most of Bristol's deficiencies stemmed from the back-row: David Corkery was not fully match-fit and Eben Rollitt. at 6ft 3in, is a crucial two inches shorter than many No 8s. Bristol did not win as much

not recycle what ball they won as cleanly or as well.

At the end, the wonder was that there were only ten points in it. The second half was so one-sided that Saracens could have won by 20 points. The Londoners even ended the match with a dazzling series of moves that lasted nearly two minutes in all, while Andy Lee missed a sitter of a dropped goal attempt.

Tony Diprose, the Saracens No 8, and Richard Hill and Gary Clark, the flankers, are a formidable unit and, of course, any back-row should look good in attack. Even so, one lost count of the number of times that Diprose got the ball, took it forward and then managed to make it available.

Add to this a sound performance from Kyran Bracken at scrum half, against his former



Bracken: consistent

club, and it is not difficult to see why Saracens won and why Jack Rowell, the England coach, and Murray Kidd, his Ireland counterpart, must have left the Memorial Ground with much to think

"In every successful side of his, Jack has had men who can make decisions for him on the field," Cunningham said. "He had it at Gosforth; he had it at Bath with John Horton. John Hall and Stuart Barnes: and he used to have it with England. He has not got it at the moment. He wants guys who can change a game, like Kyran. Week in and week out, he is the most consistent scrum half in England."

Diprose's all-purpose performance cannot have failed to have caught Rowell's eye. either. "Tony Diprose is the best ball-playing back-row forward in the country." Mark Evans, the director of coaching at Saracens, enthused. "He can put players through a gap. An England back-row of Dallaglio, Sheasby and Diprose would be really something."

SCORERS: Bristol: Try: Tuon. Penalty goals: Burke (2) Saracons: Tines: Chesney (2) Lee Penalty goals: Tunningley, Lee. BRISTOL: P Hull: D Tueli, F Waters, M Denney, B Breeze: P Burle, R Jones: A Sharp, M Regan, K Fulman, I Dison, S Shew, P Adams, D Corkery, E Rollid SARACENS: A Turningley; C Chesney, I Sella, S Ravenscroff, R Wallace; A Lee. I Bracker: A Dalv, G Bonerman, P Wallace, Clark, P. Johns, A Copsey, R Hill, A Diprose Turningley replaced by C Olney (75mm)

Smith sees red as Sale pay penalty for unruly play

Northampton......30 Sale 12 By BRYAN STILES

A REFEREE'S lot is rarely a happy one and Brian Campsall admitted that he had not had a good day at Franklin's Gardens on Saturday. It ended with four players being shown yellow cards and another sent off.

All the offenders came from the front row of the scrum and highlighted the difficulties that a referee faces when players ignore his warnings and play outside the rules. "It was a difficult game in the front row," he said with some understatement. "We did not get cooperation and I went down a particular route but it did not work. It tended to spoil the game. Perhaps I should have sent a player off earlier. I appealed to them, but ..."

Andrew Smith, the Sale tight-head prop, was the player who left the battle early -"he kneed him [Chris Johnsonl in the ribs as we were setting up a scrum," according to Campsall, who several times held up play to warn the front rows of the consequences if they persisted in their activities, which often resulted in scrums collapsing and endangering players. John Mitchell, Sale's New

Zealand coach, felt his side got on the wrong side of the

referee out of frustration at being unable to break down the resolute Northampton defence. "I hope we have got our worst game out of our system," he said. "We conceded silly penalties. In the space of nine minutes, we made

eight errors at one stage." Mitchell would have been in the thick of things on the field if the Department for Education and Employment had not ruled that he still cannot have a permit to play, only to coach. Sale are now going to employ the solicitors who persuaded the department that Va'aiga Tuigamala could play for Wastos.

Sale certainly need the calming influence of someone like Mitchell on the field if they are to progress. They had one try disallowed and a penalty in front of the posts

spotted stamping by touch judges. Apart from that, Sale had spurned a number of opportunities that would have brought them victory.

They had nothing on the board by half-time, when they should have had at least 13 points. Instead, they handed points on a plate to Grayson by giving away penalties in easy kicking range. The England stand-off half collected three penalty goals and a dropped goal to give Northampton a 12-0 interval lead. Mallinder, Sale's splendid captain, gave them hope with a powerful breakthrough that brought him a try three min-

Beal burst through for a fine try and Gravson scored another dropped goal. In a late Sale flurry, Ryan scored a breakaway try and Verbickas converted, but Clarke touched down for Grayson to collect his twenti-

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Leicester turn to pack and force a decision

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IT WAS a hotch-potch affair of two outside halves at Brierton Lane, one madden-ingly eccentric, the other infuriatingly conservative.
Together. Mark Ring, the
West Hartlepool director of
rugby, and Rob Liley, his Leicester adversary in the No 10 shirt, summed up their

side's respective failings.
Ring will try anything except the obvious. Sometimes it pays off. More often it rebounds on his teat Sprayed passes, misdirected kicks and, just occasionally, a masterly intervention, as in a chip placed over Underwood's head and the opening try by Stephen John from the resulting chaos in Leicester ranks.

Liley is out of a different mould. The sort of player whose creative qualities are minimal but who niggles away at opponents (and anyone who longs for adventure) with persistent touch kicking. With him as playmaker, it is little wonder that Leicester still turn to their pack.

Significantly, none of the three Leicester tries stemmed from broken play, whereas West's trio did. Leicester boast that they can play different types of games but do not have the evidence to prove it. One problem will be resolved next month, with the return from suspension of Neil Back, who can get the link between forwards and backs going. but stand-off half is where Leicester cry out for inspiration.

As uncompromising and occasionally exciting as West can be, the reality after the

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opening section of the league eason is that they are already into a relegation scramble. A team half made-up of Weish players is never likely to give up, but living off scraps of possession, as they did on Saturday, is no winning diet.

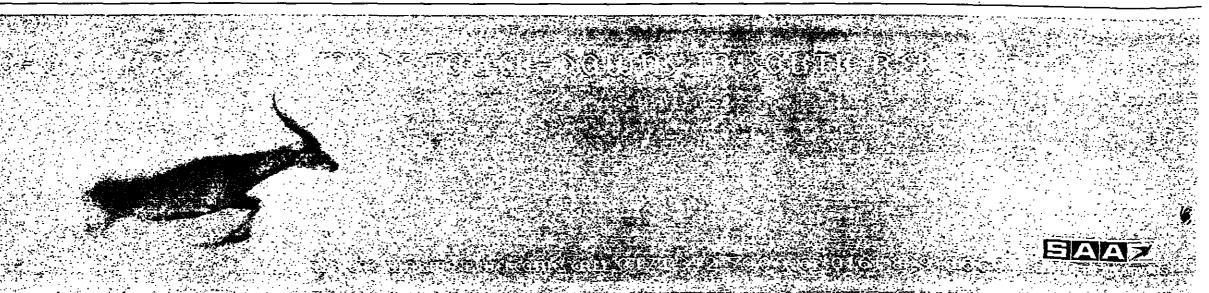
At the set pieces, Leicester helped themselves. Neither Richards nor Johnson was especially missed. Fletcher. Poole, dominated the lineout on a pleasing debut. The pressurised home-side scrum deliberately collapsed for ... penalty try award and, on the one occasion that Drake-Lee was not attempting to tackle everything in sight. he took Healey's quick tap for a try.

In a deeply unsatisfying contest, neither side maintained cohesion or continuity. Healey, a fish out of water in an unambitious Leicester side, always looked capable of lighting the blue touchoaper - he gave Harvey, his diminutive scrum half opponent, a torrid time - but his counterattacks petered out for want of support.

Ring's quick switch was responsible for the first of Wood's two touchdowns. when West led 12-3, before Leicester's three rapid strikes. The last one, in the opening minute of the second half, was decisive, as Rob Liley's dropped goal attempt ricochetted back off the posts and into the path of Greenwood for the simplest of tries. John Liley's place-kicking did 19 rest of the damage.

SCORERS: West Hartlepool: Tries: Wood (2), S John Conversions: C John (1) Leticaster: Tries: Drake-Lee, Greenwood, penalty if Conversions. J Liey (3) Penalty goal: J Liey.

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Where professional game's expansion is missing the point



Andrew, whose points tally emphasised the gap between the haves and have-nots

BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ENTERTAINMENT is one thing. humiliation is another and the two clubs that on Saturday conceded 100 points in the second division of the Courage Clubs Championship will not have enjoyed the experi-ence. The only comfort for Nottingham is that defeat by 102-22 against Coventry was overshadwed by Newcastle's 156-5 rout of

It goes without saying that such a margin is a record for the national leagues, surpassing the 91 points scored by Harlequins against West Hartlepool last season. Indeed, Harlequins almost erased that mark themselves by scoring 89 points against Orrell in the first division but such riotous rugby will have left many specta-tors dissatisfied, never mind the players on the receiving end. Sport must be competitive or it is

nothing and the first effect of professionalism will be to sort out the men from the boys, the rich from the poor, the haves from the have-nots. "No one with their eyes open could have had any doubt that this would happen," Rob Andrew, the Newcastle director of rugby who kicked 18 conversions from 24 against Rugby, said.

"You only had to see what was happening overseas, or remember what happened when the Australian rugby league sides of the early

1980s toured. Any side with ambition will try to catch up and what we now have in union is a series of mismatches between professionals and amateurs. There is no other vay to describe it."

The process was beginning last season, when the better-funded, or more far-sighted, clubs perceived the way rugby had to go. Northampton, a pike in the trout pond of the second division, racked up the

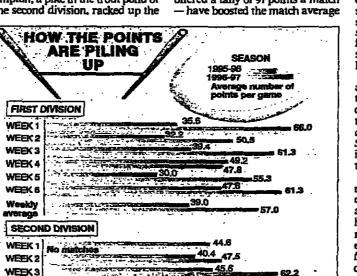
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points and to a degree London lrish went with them; in the first division Bath and, occasionally, matches in the first six weekends of the season averaged 39 points.

The first five weeks of this season saw an average of 57 a match and the events this weekend offered a tally of 91 points a match



to nearly 61. There is no doubt that spectators are getting more action for their money, but that does not drew believes that it will take two years for the English game to achieve the balance it lacks.

"When you have two well-matched teams - as in our game vith Richmond — the outco different to some of the highscoring games we have seen this season," Andrew said. "Professionalism means you are bigger, faster, fitter, stronger and your skill levels are higher because you have the time to practise them.

are more opportunities to score tries and you have to give credit to our referees, who are now among the best in the world. It's not a question of poor defending — the Super 12 showed that - but there is more space and the laws favour the attacking side."

But these basketball scores are not good for the game. The players don't enjoy them and we must be aware of turning the public off. because they know when they are not seeing a contest. What we will end up with is a fully-professional first division, possibly of eight clubs, and a semi-professional second division open to those sides with the enthusiasm, the ambition and the ability to secure funding -but what we don't need is clubs losing heart when they see the guts ripped out of their team."



Robbie Paul scored two tries in the destruction of Orrell by Harlequins

RUGBY UNION

Gloucester rediscover their pride and passion

KINGSHOLM remains a for-

By GERALD DAVIES

bidding ground for any team, of whatever reputation, to visit. Wasps found it so vesterday. They arrived, unbeaten, to play a Gloucester team who had yet to know what it was to savour victory this season. That sweet taste returned yesterday.

This was a tough match, although the referee need not have used the red card. In the 68th minute, Kevin Dunn was sent off for using his studs on the back of another player. Sims and Dallaglio had been embroiled in a confrontation before the touch judge drew the referee's attention to the original sin.

It had been a rumbustious start by the home team, where the driving influence of the forwards, running off the sides of rucks and mauls. unsettled the visitors. Apart from the stoppages. Wasps hardly touched the ball.

The pressure was unrelenting. Given four chances to convert penalties, Gloucester ran three and chose a scrum for the fourth. They were in danger of not rewarding their efforts; but they saw sense and Mapletoft kicked a penalty goal in the eleventh minute.

Two minutes later, on their first visit to the Gloucester 22. Wasps drew level with a penalty goal by Rees. Gloucester responded immediately. Greening took the narrow route on the blind side of a ruck and linked up with

Saverimuno, who scored. A good deat of hard graft up front had created this platform and the Gloucester lead. Fidler was dominant at the lineout. Windo and Deacon were well in the vanguard of a rampaging pack. But, by and large, the visitors' defence held. Having survived all this, Wasps established, for a brief moment, a foothold in Gloucester territory and narrowed the deficit. For the home supporters, it must have heen exastrerating

Wasns came back to score a good try. A drive close to a maul near the Gloucester 22metre line, a long pass from King to Rees and the full hack's neat chin landed tust over the line for Scrase to score. For all their dominance, Gloucester were only a point ahead at half-time.

Within three minutes of the restart, the Wasps defence, which hitherto had been organised, appeared dishevelled. Catting, emerging in no-man's land in midfield and 30 metres out, glided through three attempts to hold him. The tackles faded and the full back ran on to score.

Try as King might to weave some intricate patterns in midfield, the visitors rarely succeeded in making ground Gloucester were not interested in trying anything so subtle. This was the Gloucester of old. Benton and Mapletoft encouraged a rampant pack with subtle kicks and close passing to move them forward.

The tension grew, so did the impatience. Dunn was sent off and Mapletoft extended the home team's lead. Down to 14 men. Wasps enjoyed their most sustained period of pressure, which saw Gomarsall cross over for a try, converted by Rees. Mapletoft kicked his sixth goal to secure the match. SCORERS: Gloucester: Tries: Saver mutto, Catling Penelty goals: Mapleto

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Deacon, the Gloucester prop, feels the force of a double tackle by Dallaglio, left, and Gomarsall during the West Country team's victory at Kingsholm yesterday

Harlequins run riot to expose class distinction

By Peter Bills

NEVER mind the irrelevant talk in the Harlequins camp before this match about Orrell being their bogey team. That ignored one simple fact: Orrell lost 16 players in the summer while Harlequins signed getting on for double that

The result was a condemnation of the presnt Courage Clubs Championship in England. It made a powerful case for the European Super League because it is plain that these two clubs now inhabit different planets.

Harlequins amassed 14 tries without even looking particularly good for the first 20 nunutes of the second half Even so, this was their record home win and, to have swamped Orrell with a performance that included plenty of unforced errors, told you everything about the disparity

The first division has become two leagues within one. And, unless you conceal a streak of sadism within your soul, watching public executions of this nature is not going to be very attractive for long. In the sponsors' boxes, the patrons spent the first half on

their balconies but increasing-

ly they drifted back to the refreshments for most of the second half, bored at continually watching traffic stream down a one-way street.

the likes of Toulouse, Toulon,

Harlequins's 75-point ham-

mering of Gloucester was followed by a 66-point rout of London Irish. Now this. The new stand arising on the far side of the ground is surely not going to be filled for such unsatisfying games as this. Clearly, Harlequins need

Dax, Munster, Pontypridd and Bridgend added to their fixture list, at the expense of the present first division alsorans. And they should meet them in a European Super League comprising home and away games. Visits to Toulouse or Munster are where you learn about your players, not in these gentle little romos.

Orrell aid their best which.

of course, was nowhere near good enough. Denuded of the finances which are now ruling the game, they have been forced to rely on a group of spirited youngsters. Peter Williams, their coaching director, said: "We have a good bunch of lads here and I hope they don't despair after a result like this. I told them they had to learn from it, not pack up. And if we can stick together, they will start to become very good players in a couple of years." But Orrell will surely see the

fruits of their labours in

developing talented young players torn away from them again by the cheque-book operators. It is the way of the new world and, until Orrell can find a solution to it, they will continue to struggle.

An indication of the stratospheric standards to which Harlequins have become acof Will Carling's performance at stand-off by coach Andy Keast, Carling the eyes of those who regard his intended switch from centre as they would a late career move by Sir Alec

Guinness into the music hall. Keast said: "Will's kicking was not up to scratch. If he is taking responsibility for kicking, his percentage has to be a lot higher. If it isn't, we will find someone else.

interval deficit and Quins's eight further tries in the second half, would have welcomed him, warts and all.

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Turner's sketch in need of colour

Wakefield......19

By NICOLAS ANDREWS

FRANK WARREN has a couple more surprises up his sleeve. As record-breaking scores elsewhere proved that the gap between haves and have-nots has become a yawning chasm, Bedford's new benefactor committed his club

to a place on the comfortable

side of rugby's great divide. He intends to reveal two new signings in the next few days, from the southern hemisphere, to ensure a place among the game's heavyweights. "I'm looking at star names. I'm determined to make Bedford a top club," Warren said.

They do not come much bigger than Martin Offiah, and the foot injury that has kept rugby league's prize asset prowling the union sidelines has frustrated Bedford's plans. Paul Turner, a shrewd acquisition as player-coach, reckons that he would have scored three tries in each of the games so far. "He trained with us the other night and was a different class." Turner said.

Bedford are still several men short of a team to live with the Newcastles and Richmonds; Turner has a shopping list. "There have been some decent players here," he said, "but some have been around for far too long and developed a losing attitude." One exception is Steve McCurrie, another recruit from rugby league, whose previous appearances had been at hooker but who played at centre against Wakefield. With ten players out injured, Bedford's problems were such that Paul Hewitt, a flanker, was also pressed into unfamiliar service on the wing.
That this makeshift side

turned a 14-12 half-time deficit into a comfortable victory suggests that Turner is not too far from a team to share his hunger for success. Wakefield, after all, have already beaten Coventry away this season.

They have recruited more modestly, but are approaching their meeting with Newcastle on Saturday undaunted. "We always play our best against the best," Jim Kilfoyle, the coach, said. Jackson gave Wakefield the

lead with an early dropped goal and penalty goal, but Mansell completed a forwards' score for Bedford before Scully's fourth try of the season restored the Wakefield advantage. Then Rayer touched down and converted to close the gap once more.

The try of the game, eight

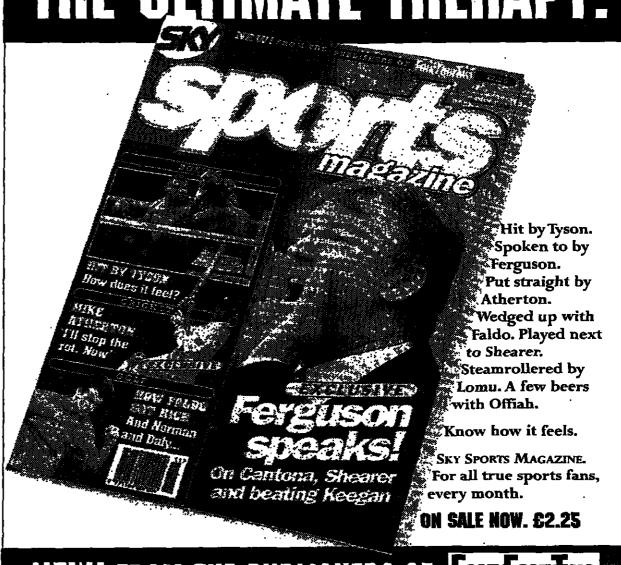
minutes into the second half, settled the outcome. Massey and Thompson came close to scoring for Wakefield at one end before Rayer, McCurrie, Crossland and, most notably. Paramore swept Bedford to the other, where Hyde deserved his score. Lancaster's try was late consolation. Neither Bedford nor Wake-

field is going to win the Courage Chubs Championship second division and this game was mid-table fare. Warren accepts that success will not happen overnight. The real challenge comes next year. challenge comes next year.

SCORERS: Bedford: Tries: Marsell, Rayer, Hyde Conversions: Rayer (2) Penelty goals: Rayer (2) Walterfleid: Tries: Scully, Lancaster Penelty goals: Jeckson (2) Dropped goal: Jeckson.

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Clifton Fox has sights raised

CLIFTON FOX, the emphatic winner of the Tote Cambridgeshire at Newmarket on Saturday, will be raised in class for his next start, Jeremy Glover. his trainer, said yesterday.
"We'll need to see what

the handicapper does but on the face of it he may well go for the James Seymour Stakes la listed racel at Newmarket on November I," Glover said. "He'll be put in the November Handicap and would get the 1/2-mile trip well but he is likely to go up in the weights."
Glover, who was cele-

brating his fourth win in one of the season's most competitive handicaps, offered an explanation for his impressive record. "Every year my horses find their form in the autumn and I the have to find a big handicap for them." he said, "It's a little early to be thinking about next year but I have a couple of horses in the background who could go for the race."

Glover is to send Croft Pool, the winner of the listed Rous Stakes at Newmarket last Thursday, to Longchamp for the group three Prix du Petit Couvert on October 27. ☐ Cigar, the 5-I on favour-

ite, suffered a surprise defeat in the Jockey Club Gold Cup at Belmont Park on Saturday when he was beaten a head by the threeyear-old. Skip Away. Despite the reverse, Cigar will still go for the Breeders' Cup Classic at Woodbine on October 26.

RACING: VICTORY IN PRIX MARCEL BOUSSAC SEALS FINE WEEKEND FOR RAIDERS



Kistena, nearside, edges out stable companion Anabaa to become the first French-trained winner of the Prix de l'Abbaye for 18 years

Ryafan lifts British standard

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT AT LONGCHAMP

MARCEL BOUSSAC, the great French breeder, would have approved of the race named in his honour as Ryafan, trained by John Gosden, edged out Yashmak in a ferocious finish here vesterdav. It set up a banner day for British stables, which went on to further Pattern triumphs with Donna Viola

and Alhaarth. Whereas supporters of Ryafan and Yashmak were kept on tenterhooks right to the wire, one man stood impervious to the outcome. Khaled Abdulla bred and owns both fillies, who paid a

Juddmonte Farms breeding programme. Together with the Fillies' Mile winner Reams Of Verse, Ryafan and Yashmak should afford the Saudi prince a winter of content.

This was a race neither filly deserved to lose. Pat Eddery chose all the right options aboard Yashmak, keeping his mount on the heels of a generous pace. The daughter of Danzig still looked strong as she took command halfway down the home straight, but the sight of Dettori on his tail is one to which the Irishman must now be resigned.

As Dettori drove Ryafan up to Yashmak's quarters, the two fillies reached for the line

handsome compliment to his as if joined by an invisible Stakes last time and said she chord. But in recent weeks, this cameo has been played out too often for Eddery's liking. Sure enough, Dettori conjured the better finish from

PICHARD EVANS

Nap: HE'S GOT WINGS (3.45 Pontefract) Next best: Missile Toe (4.45 Pontefract)

Ryafan, who nosed ahead in the last strides. Indeed, it was Eddery who encouraged Gosden to aim Ryafan at this race. "Pat rode her in the Moyglare Stud. would improve a lot for a mile on soft ground," the trainer said. "He couldn't choose between the two fillies today. This has been a difficult time for him with Frankie hogging the headlines, but he has taken it well."

Gosden plans to aim Ryafan at the 1,000 Guineas but Yashmak may have an alternative agenda. Henry Cecil, who trains the filly, also has Sleepytime and Reams Of Verse, and Yashmak's preference for an easy surface could see her return here for the Poule d'Essai des Pouliches. For the first time in 18 years, the Prix de l'Abbaye de Longchamp went to a French-

trained horse, but Kistena's defeat of Anabaa, her betterfancied stablemate and champion sprinter-elect, came as a huge surprise. Anabaa found the five furlongs too short and deserves a shot at redemption in the Breeders' Cup Mile.

John Reid rebounded from his nasty fall in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe to bring Donna Viola home a brave winner of the Sunset + Vine Prix de l'Opera. And Alhaarth. whom many expected to be contesting the Arc itself, finally found his metier in the Prix du Rond-Point to round off a memorable two-day meeting for British stables.

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Dettori masters foreign fields

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT

A FASCINATING contrast in the skills of two champion jockeys unfolded at Longchamp on Saturday when Frankie Dettori, the darling of Britain, traded winners with Thierry Jamet, his counterpart in France. Dettori captured a brace for John Gosden, but Jarnet stole the honours with a four-timer.

Not that Dettori is found wanting around Long-champ. He rode a race striking in its simplicity on Annaba in the Prix de Royallieu, tracking the pacemaking Haramayda into the straight before stealing away from the chasing pack. Dettori had identified his game plan in advance and carried it off to perfection.

"Annaba has lost her last three races in the stalls." Gosden said. 'As soon as Frankie knew about the pacemaker he was determined to follow her.

"This is one of the most difficult tracks in Europe to ride," he added "Steve Cauthen told me he never felt comfortable around Longchamp but Frankie seems to have solved it. It

took Lester [Piggott] plenty of time to crack it. In the Prix Dollar, Denori

restrained Flemensfirth. whose last outing saw him land this prize 12 months ago. until he pounced approaching the final furlong. Flemensfirth travelled majestically on this easy surface, his victory a handsome tribute to Gosden's patience. Flemensfirth has been ready to run since June, yet Gosden resisted the temptation to campaign his colt on fast ground.

As Dettori raised the standard for the travelling Britons, Jamet was thrilling his equally enthusiastic following. The two might have fought out a rousing finish to the Prix du Cadran had Moonax not ducked left in the closing stages. Moonax rallied but Jarnet, riding Nononito, had poached enough of an advantage to resist his pursuer.

Jamet, on New Frontier, required the intervention of the stewards to prevail in the Prix de Conde after John Reid had come hothe a narrow winner on Peter Chapple-Hyam's Monza.

LONGCHAMP DETAILS

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The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3,15 ALL ON. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.45 BLESSED SPIRIT (nap).

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1995: WARBROOK 9-0 L Detion (10-11 fav) i Balding 14 ran

CANADIAN FANTASY 1'4) 2nd of 7 to Brave
Montgomene in maden at Ayr (7), good to firm)
PERFECT PARADISM 161 8th of 15 to High Roller
in maden at Yamnouth (1m. good to firm)
PERFEARM SISTON 1016 it of 15 to Goog Cross
in maden at Doncaster (1m. good to firm) PREMIER (toated Agr 24). Brother by Bandow Guest to
whinting miles Farnitism, dain raced in North America. SILVER PATRIARCH 5'x1 4th of 9 to Happy

Ministral in meisten at Nothingham (1m. 11 fty), good to firm).

MY TORTIONSE 5 2nd of 6 to Abbrito. Desire in
maden at Epsom (1m. 114yd, good to firm).

MARRIER 2x1 5x6 of 13 to Sacilow Breeze in
maden at Rollingham (1m. 21 good to firm).

ROMARA (fre) 34; cost 25;000(prs), Half-sicker by
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Selection: CANADIAN FANTASY

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2.45 LEVY BOARD NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0: £3,548: 6f) (18 runners)

BETTING: 7-1 Danetifi Princess, 8-1 Domat's Dancer, 9-1 Globetoties, 10-1 Abstone Queen, MBI End Bay, Changachgook, Colonel's Pride, 12-1 others.

1995: GOLDEN POND 9-2 A McGlone (8-1) R Johnson Houghton 18 ran FORM FOCUS

COUNT ROBERTO 2'41 3rd of 6 to Amid Albadu in marken at Chester (7), good to soft) on penultimale start. BRUTAL FANTASY 1141 2nd of 6 to Perfect. Bliss an nursery at Threat (61, good) or 13 to kiloulen Lad in nursery at Resto, (61, good) on penultimate start with MRLL END BDY (18b testes of) about 14i Ab DANEHLL PRENCESS about 31 4th of 8 to 50 Syguan in nursery at Luterstar (81, famr). BARRESS 55nd 4th of 9 to Armass in mastern at Catherick (61, good) to firm with KINS UNO (2b) better off) 14i 5th OUR KEVIN 3141 3rd of 7 to inn) DOWNA'S DAMCER short-head 2nd of 11 to kilculen Lad in mursery at Redozer (5). In DOWNEY is 3rd of 18 for Command Junes to claimer at Limpfield (6), good) with MASTER-STROKE (10) were off 3kl 5th SPARKY best effort, beat Skalton Schemagn 13kl in 10-runna nursery at Beverlay (7) 100yd, Brm), Aug 96.

3.15 PONTEFRACT APPRENTICE SERIES HANDICAP (£2,857: 1m 4l 8yd) (18 runners)

1995: SECRET SERVICE 3-9-8 G Faulton (20-1) J Hanson 18 ran FORM FOCUS

RITHE MONEY 111 3rd of 6 to Latvian in claimer at Carricle (1cm 4t, good) on peruditimate start RESH SEA about 2'44 5th of 10 to Tart in claimer at Yamoush (1m 31 Utyst. good) on peruditimate start ROAD RACER about 2'44 4th of 11 to The Butterwick Kid in Instadeur at Hamilton (1m 4t, good) for min 31 Utyst. good) on peruditimate start ROAD RACER about 2'44 4th of 11 to The Butterwick Kid in Instadeur at Hamilton (1m 4t, good) MY MRLLE 11 2nd of 16 to Distription of the Latvice at a neck and 1'41 3rd of 18 to Action Selfron made at Recard (1m 3t good) on peruditimate start. Selection: BOLD TOP

3.45 TRINIDAD & TOBAGO HANDICAP

143060 ALWARIOA 17 (F) (J. Bergon) M. Hammand 3-8-7 J. J. Forbane 525151 HE'S GOT WINNES 5 (F) (B. Halbassky) McJ. J. Farrische 3-8-7 (Ass. K. Fallon 6526252 (COSTRES 59) (K. Mond M. Dick 5-7-10 M. Kempuland 105033 TDP PRIZE 44 (V.F.G) (M. Boltzin: M. Britzini 8-7-10 G. Barnteell

Long handicap: Losins 7-8, Top Proje 7-7 RETTING: 3-1 He's Got Wings, 7-2 Shinley Sue. 9-2 Great Orahon, B-1 Huiliback, 16-1 Kesn To The Last, 14-1 Safa, 16-1 others. 1995: ARIAN SPIRIT 4-7-8 L Charmock (25-1) J Syre 20 ran

FORM FOCUS

HULLBANK 2½1 2nd of 15 to Onetourseven in handicap at Catlenck (2m. good to him) SAFA 2½1 2nd of 6 in Northern Fleet in markin at Beverley (2m. good) on penultimate stat. SHPILEY SUE neck and 31 3nd fatter placed 2nd) in Good Fland in handicap at Ayr (2m. 11 105yd, good to him) with GREAT ORATION 31 4th (later placed 3nd), KEPA TO THE LAST (2th better of) 3f 7th, ALWARGA (2th better of) 2f bits and STAR PERFORMER (2th better of) 2f bits and STAR PERFORMER (2th better of) 3 bits and STAR PERFORMER (2th better of) 3 bits and STAR PERFORMER (2th better of) 3 bits and STAR PERFORMER (2th better of) 3f bits and 5f bits and STAR PERFORMER (2th better of) 3f bits and S

4.15 BUCCOO REEF CLAIMING STAKES

(3-Y-O: £3,175; 61) (18 runners)

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1995: FARTIASY RACING 8-9 R Hughes (5-2 lay) M Channon, 16 cm. FORM FOCUS

ORTOLAN 11 2nd of 8 to Base River in handicap at Satebury (7), firm), Aug 96. MRDDLE EAST BI 3nd of 18 to Rassant in handicap at Ripon (6), good to solit on penuthmale start with STANDOWN (2th better off) 91 9th. RIVER TERN beat Minutetti 21 in 19-transer realden at Thirsk (5), good to limp on penuthmale start. STANDOWN beat The Wast shorthead in 11-transer claimer at Chinacter (6), good to limp on entitimate start start STANDOWN beat The Wast shorthead in 11-transer claimer at Chinacter (6), good to term) and THE FRISKY FARRIER (2th works of the STANDOWN DANNI MISS WALSH 31 8th BRANSTON DANNI beat resent effort, about 3347 5th of 12 to Gatry in transfer at Intra-6 (5), good).

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

Recipient number Draw in brackets, Swifigure form if — lett P — pulled up. U — unseated refer B — brought down. S — stypped up. R — refused. D — droughthlett) Norse's name Days since test nummy. J if jumps, F it flat (B — blurkers, V — visor. H — hood. E — Eversheld. C — course warner. D — drotzence winner. CD twourse in Islands race). Boing on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — sod, good to sod, heavy). Owner in brackets. Framer Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handrapper's rang.

4.45 MARAVAL HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £5,527: 1m 4yd) (12 numers) SACOU MANUARMO JUN (V.G) (Parmiza A Maizeum) P Walny 8-9
36-0 FLAMING JUNE 33 (Sir Andrew Llayd Webber) H Ceril 8-9
002000 ALASKA 16 (6) (M Johnson) M Magnite 8-4
005422 MISSLE TOE 14 (F) (Stop and Huntsman) J Bavis 8-2
222351 MELS BABY 10 (D.F) (J Roberts (Walerbeld)) J Eyre 8-0
300435 SCENICRIS 17 (Mis C Johnson) R Hoffinchead 7-11,
512340 NOR'S DEED 19 (BF.F) (M Ayers) C Wall 7-10
182200 FALCOUNS FLAME 19 (D.F) (C Webster) Mis J Ranisolan 7-10. 612

BETTING, 9-2 Missale Toe, 5-1 Mand For Badeys 6-1 No Cliches, Blessed Spint, 7-1 Sharp Studille, Sco Mets Baby, 10-1 others

1995; SHINEROLLA 9-4 J Reid (4-1) Mrs J Ramaden 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

MAID FOR BAILEYS beat Don't Get Caught 3/1 in 12-unints; handicap at Egsom (1m 114yd, good to firm), BLESSED SPRIT head 2nd of 13 to Select. Few in handicap at Sendorm (1m, good) on penulthroate start, ND CLICHES 3/1 2nd of 9 to Lady Of Lersure in rated states have (1m 2 good in firm). SHAPP SHIPFLE beat firme Of Might 194 in 17-numes invaded handicap at Rengton (71, good). FLAMMENG JUNK about 9/6 6h of 12 to Lady Carta in Selection: BLESSED SPRIT (nap)

5.15 CARONI MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,989: 1m 4yd) (14 runners) 1 (3) C20255 ALPINE HOEAWAY 31 (Ms M Brasini B Hanbury 9-0
(13) 6-22303 ADVORD 28 (BF) (F Sangter) P Chaptio-Hyan 9-0
(13) 6-22303 ADVORD 28 (BF) (F Sangter) P Chaptio-Hyan 9-0
(14) 5-2303 ADVORD 28 (BF) (F Sangter) P Chaptio-Hyan 9-0
(15) 6-22303 ADVORD 28 (BF) (F Sangter) P Chaptio-Hyan 9-0
(16) 7 (BR) 7-1 (Ms Ms) 7-1 (Ms Ms) 7-1 (Ms Ms) 7-1
(17) 6-1 (Ms Ms) 7-1 (Ms Ms) 7-1 (Ms Ms) 7-1 (Ms Ms) 7-1
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(19) 6-1 (Ms) 7-1 (Ms) 7-1 (Ms) 7-1 (Ms) 7-1 (Ms) 7-1
(19) 6-1 (Ms) 7-1 (M K Darley . K Fallon BETTING, 4-1 Casyon Cress, 9-2 Adent, Sase Of Casion, 6-1 Beans Script, Alpine Neterray, 7-1 others 1995: CLEARLY DEWOLS 8-9 D Hamson (3-1 lan) J Fatistaine 18 can

ALPINE HIDEAWAY 1961 2nd of 10 to Consort in maiden at Salsbury (71, good to firm) on penulti-male start. AMPORD 21 2nd of 9 to Suparnosa in maiden at Epsom (1m 114yd, good to firm) sight of 10 to Royal sade in maiden at Redcar (71, firm) RROTHER ROY 1444 (50 to firm) GREAT CHIEF 89:1 7th of 13 to langus in maiden at Holtengham (1m, good to firm) STATE OF CALTIONS 3 and next. And of 4 to Lothsorien is maiden at Goodwood (1m 21, good to firm) CAN-YON CREEK. By Mr Prospector, dam high-class

FONTWELL PARK

2.30 China Mail. 3.00 Kindle's Delight. 3.30 Re Rol. 4.00 Karar. 4.30 Distant Memory. 5.00 Mr Edgar. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.00 Crackling Frost, 4.00 Soud Missile

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

2.30 SUSAN CORK BIRTHDAY NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE (£2,138: 2m 6i 110yd) (9 numers)

9-4 Chane Mail, 11-4 Scamaltach, 4-7 Greenside Chal. 8-1 Ferens Hall, 10-1 Aerodynamic 14-1 Coolegale. 16-1 Others

3.00 FRANK CUNDELL CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£3,720. 2m 3f) (8)

1 5-34 WHO'S TO SAY 42 (BFF,G.S) Miss V Wilhams 10-12-0
Michael Browner (S) 98
2 11-3 ARMANA 42 (BFF,G.S) Miss V Wilhams 10-12-0
3 221- VRIQUE'S DELICHT 370 (D.F.G.) Lifterd 11-11-1
4 37-5 BEACK CHARCH 21 (D.F.S) R Rose 10-10-6
1 The Property WOOD 21 (D.F.S.S) P Mebs 11-10-6
1 Through 89
6 -352 WRINSPAN 8 (F.G.S) A Newcombe 13-10-2
1 Through 89
7 132- ARDEAN 199 (G.S.) 6 Empty 7-10-1
A Magnite 91
8 US-3 CRACKLING FROST 21 (G) Mr. D Hames 8-10-0
6 Hopen (3) 81 9-4 Knotle's Delight, 11-4 Henky Wood, 7-2 Annata, 6-1 Aedman, 7-1 Black Church, 10-1 Wingspor, 12-1 others

3.30 SALMON SPRAY CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,846, 2m 2l 110yd) (5)

7-4 Gane By 9-4 Re Rev. 5-2 Bon Voyage. 5-1 Star Of David 14-1 Chris's Glien.

4.00 STREBEL BOILERS AND RADIATORS HANDICAP HURDLE SERIES (Qualifier: £2,490. 2m 6f 110yd) (11)

1 41P- PUNCH'S HOTEL 128 (B.CD.F.G.S) R Free 11-12-0 N GTHURSE 2 082 KARAR 202 (ED.F.G.S) R Rose 6-71-13 . 1. Aspet (5) 89
4 135 PREROGATIVE 5 (N.F.G.S) R Hose 6-11-10 . D Bridgears 91
4 02P - WCTOR BRAVO 128 (B.D.F.G) N Sazeles 9-11-7 C Lienselyn 93
5 13-3 SCUD MSSRLE 16 (F.G) G Johnson Houghton 5-11-6 5 13-3 SCUD MISSILE 16 (F.G) G Johnson Houghton 5-11-6
A Thomston B8
A 1412 CIRCUS COLDURS 27 (C.F) J Jenson: 5-11-2
A Misspaire 96
P PIP- SOPHIE MAY 179 (C.F.S) G L Moore 5-11-0
B McGann (7) 98
9 RESP DORAMS WAY 9 (G) Miss V STANARC 5-10-1:
Missing B McGann (7) 98
10 161- CAPTAIN COLE 160 (F.G) R Curits 5-10-1
D Moore 9-10-0
M Backneby (7) 78

7-2 Natar, 9-2 Scool Missale, 6-1 Prerogation: 7-1 Victor Bravo, Circus Colours, 8-1 Punch's Hotel, Captain Coe, 10-1 others 4.30 SINGLETON NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (Amaleurs, £2,491, 3m 2l 110yd) (4)

1 1312 DISTANT MEMORY 21 (B.F.S) P Hobbs 7-12-0 S Mulcare (7) (2) 506 ARTPUL ARTPUR 78 (6) L Grassica (10-10-0) J Grassick (7) 93 (1-36) 825AANACAME 26 (5) R Budden 9-10-0 R Thombon (7) 89 4 U4-P SHKISTYNKIN 30 J Mullars 5-10-0 R Weatherley (7) 97 1-8 Distant Memory, 12-1 Seasamaçamile, 14-1 Arbil Arbir, Enristymum 5.00 LANGSTONE CONSERVATIVE CLUB NOVICES

HURDLE (£2.511: 2m 2l 110yd) (8) 4-5 Ma Edgar, 7-2 Daceto, 7-1 Roskeen Bridge 8-1 Allez Pablio 10-1 Caddy's Fural, 14-1 Zusta Phyer, 16-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANCERS: K Batley, 8 wonters from 29 numers, 27 6%, P Hobbs, 12 km 47, 25.5%; D Williams, 3 trum 14, 21.4%, J Gifford, 23 from 114, 20.2%, R Societies, 8 from 40, 20.0% R Curtis, 12 km 69, 18.4%, JOCKEYS: D P Henley, 5 Armess from 18 notes, 38.5%, J Osborne, 13 hran 42, 31.0%; D Bindyaster, 11 from 45, 24.4%, P Hole, 19 from 79, 24.1%, A P McCoy, 14 km 52, 25.6%, S Bradley, 5 from 25, 20.0%. BLINKERED FIRST TERIC Forthwell Paric 2.30 China Mail Portedauce 2.15 Carecta I Famasy, 3.15 Instr. Sec. 3.45 Rainelle. 4.45 Maryanna 5.15 State Or Caution

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SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Newmarket 1.50 1, Sarayir (4-7 lav), 2, Fernanda (8-1), 3, Dancing Drop (9-1), 7 ran, NR, Sambac, 3. Darking Unit (5-1) 7. This has a sample 2.20 1, Serendy (5-1) 2. Sharp Hat (4-1) lav); 3, Burlington House (8-1) 4. Ricasso (12-1) 16 ran. 2.55 1, Last Second (9-4 lav); 2, Spout (7-1); 3, Flame Valley (13-2) 9 ran.

1): 3, France versey (18-2) a fair 3.35 1, Citton Fox 118-1) 2, Missale (18-2). 3, Angus-G (12-1), 4, Another Time (66-1) Kammitara 11-2 lav 38 ram NR king Athelstan, Winter Romance, 4,10 1, Celenc (11-4), 2, Sammanno (8-1), 3, Perstan Punch (8-1) Eva Luna 11-8 lav 8 ram ran 4.45 1. Elegant Werning (3-1): 2. Moshinod (3-1), 3. Eina (12-1): Polish Romance 11-4 fev 13 ran, NR Noble Story 5.20 1. Don't: Get Caught (7-1): 2. Broughters Turnel (3-1 kay), 3. Duello (10-1), 4. Thwash (11-2): 16 ran

Chepstow

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1.45 1, Lake Kariba (4-5 lav), 2. Jalapono (15-2), 3, Whisting Buck (40-1), 14 ran 2.15 1, General Crack (9-4 pl-lav), 2 Evangelos (12-1), 3, lifece (6-1) Tarten Tradewinds 9-4 pl-tay 8 ran 2.50), Hamilton Siti (18-1), 2, Mm-Loudrig (8-1); 3, Yudralee (14-1), klasab 9-2 pl-tay (i), 11 ran. Tay (I). 11 ran.

3.25 1. Call Equirame (4.5 lay), 2. Sonic Star (11.8) 4 ran NR: Bill Ol Rights

4.00 1. Embley Buoy /50-11. 2. Tap On Tootse (9-2), 3. Myblackfrom (14-1) Dayraan 5-4 kay 12 ran.

4.35 1. Mytton's Cholos (13-2), 2. Par Ol Jacks (11-4 lay), 3. Zingbar (10-1), 11 ran. Haydock Park

1.40 1, Queen's Pageent (2-1 (av), 2, Fine Times (33-1), 3, Midyan Queen (14-1), 12 2.10 1. Nosey Native (16-1), 2. Melt The Clouds (12-1); 3. Milliord Sound (14-1), 4. Love Bateta (20-1). Consording 6-1 lay 19 ran 2.45 1, O Factor (5-1 tav); 2, Prancess Efisio (12-1), 3, Desen Lynx (11-1), 15 ran, NR, Kissel

3.55 1. Marsh Mangold (15.2 (Hay); 2. Veerapong (16-1); 3, Sharp Return (14-1). 4. Fearless Cavaller (16-1). Hoft Sutprise 15-2 (Hay 23 ran NR Baitle Ground 4.30 1. Sweethess Harself (11-1), 2. Bang in Trouble (25-1), 3. Children's Choice (11-1), 4. The Butterwick Kild (11-1) Stalled 5-1 lav, 20 rati 5.00 1. Noble Dane (11-4), 2. Amil Ad (11-1); 3. Smart Spiri (33-1) Listed Account 10-11 fav. 8 ran NR Saateya.

Wolverhampton 7.00 1. Davis Rook (Evens fev), 2, Mon Bruce (13-2), 3, Braziko (6-1), 11 ran NR-Champagne Toast, Municipal Girl. 7.30 1, King Rat (7-4 lev), 2, Bentico (4-1), 3, Dragonjoy (25-1), 12 ran 3, Dagonjoy (25-1), 12 fan 8,00 1. Ali On (6-1); 2, Arcady (100-30), 3, Old Hush Wing (6-1) Bella Sedona 5-2 lav 12 ran. 8,30 1. Mansur (4-1); 2, Tes Party (7-2 lav), 3, Theshe Magic (12-1) 12 ran. NR-People Direct 9,00 1. Robiec Girl (5-1); 2, Will To Win (10-1); 3, Magiyar Tilok (7-2 lav) 11 ran 19-0 1. William Reset (100-30 Jan.)

9.30 1, Walk The Beat (100-30 lav), 2, Bold Arstocrat (10-1); 3, Cheeky Chappy (20-1) 13 ran. Uttoxeter 2.30 1 Nordic Breeze (11-10 lav), 2. Ela Man Homa (9-1): 3. Cultarn (86-1). 14 ran. 3,00 1. Father Sky (4-11 lav), 2, Wald (3-2), 3. Phaedair (25-1) 5 ran

5.10 1, Bertone (6-4 tay): 2. Micherado (9-2), 3, East Houston (7-1) 6 ran NR-

3.30 1. Tullymuny Tolt (9-4): 2, Call My Guesi (6-1): 3, Sparking Yasmin (7-2) Star Market 2-1 lav. 5 ran

4.05 1, McGregor The Third (7-4 lav); 2. Andreior (70-1); 8 ran

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Haydock Park Going: coft, heavy in places
1.30 (7) 30 (c) 1, POTEEN (O Urbina, 3-1), 2, Gentrals (G Carter, 8-1), 3, Bea's Ruby (D Hamson, 16-1), ALSO RAN-2-1 Lev Porty Romance (4th), 11-2 Cartobean Star (6th), 7 Indian Blace (5th), 20 Fullopep, 25 Sandweld, 33 Amoo, Capitan Carparts, Yam-Sing, 17 ran, NK, 61, 241, 3-1, hd, L Currant at Newmarkot, Tote: 24 00 E1.50, 22.80, 22 70 DF 127 10 Trio, 254 00 CSF 226 15

226 15
2.00 (51) 1. SUPERIOR PREMIUM (A
Culture, 7-2; 2. Jannolle (At Hunnem, 3-1
tov) 3. Vassat (Li Fortune, 7-1). ALSO RAN A
Olympic, Spint (8th.), 5. Lowing And Giving
(4th.) 7 Big Ben (5th.) 6 can Ns. xl. 4, 4, 10
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234.40 The BBO 40 CSF C19 76 Incest 2454.31
3.10 (6ft 1, GARNOCK VALLEY (G Center. 25-11); 2. Montserrat (M Fenton. 14-1); 3. Lough Eme (S Sanders, 7-1), 4. Barrel Of Hope (R Lappin. 25-11 ALSO RAN. 13-2 tav Bertove. 9 Polsocogoto Jack, 11 Salomneto (6ft) 12 Purple Fing, Son-Deer, 14 Chefle Stillet, Frendly Brave (Stn. 16 Bolin Harry, Erupl, Red Nymph, Tiler, 20 Corporal Nym, Don't Care, Nonvegien Blue Splong, 25 Antonias Melody, High Domain, 33 Cross The Bonder 22 ran NR Mr Begreat, So intropid 5t, hd, 13-1, 13-1, 31 J Bony at Codecation Tote: 257.90 (13 0, 64 00, 22.00, 64 70 DF, 6412-40, Tilo 52 385 70 (part worn, port of £1, 186.22 camed formard to 3 15 at Portohast lookey) CSF 2334 U9 Tricost 22,513 33 Tricost 22.513.33
3.40 (Im 21.12)(c) 1, MASTER BEVELED (K Faton, 7-2 lav); 2, Break The Ruses (D Harrison, 10-1); 3, South See Builble (O Urbres, 8-1) ALSO RAN; 6 Ron's Secret (4th) 10 Doctor Brovious Stru Gas. 11 Urgent Swit, 12 Clesse Dame, Gorient Gon), Tssue Cl Les, 14 Satar Act (6th), 18 Alsahab, Stormloss, 20 Lathryn's Pet Surrey

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Hostile takeovers top the sporting agenda as businesses prepare to take up golfing challenge

Corporate raiders mobilise on the fairways

THE season of mists and mellow fruitfulness may be with us but, for 1,228 amateur golfers, watching the leaves turning to copper and gold alongside the lairways will be low on their priorities in the next month. They will be too busy trying to beat the life out of the golf course and endeavouring, at the same time, to repel the sporting corporate raiders who will be their

The elite 1,228 will be performing in the regional finals of The Times MeesPierson Corporate Golf Challenge and the talk between them before and after they have played will, no doubt, be civilised, wide-ranging and friendly. But in between breakfast and lunch will come something altogether more important. Because, on some of the finest golfing terrain in the British Isles, the exchanges will be like nothing seen in even the most predatory of boardrooms. Company pride is at stake, and nothing is more important than that.

The 307 teams representing companies that have played this season in the most successful Challenge yet — the event attracted the better part of 1,000 entries in this, its fourth year - have found that the competition has never been tougher.

In the early years of the competition, scores as low as 120 Stableford points would have brought qualification into some regional finals. Today, that sort of score would nowhere near good enough. The lowest total to gain regional final entry this year was 138 points, the high-

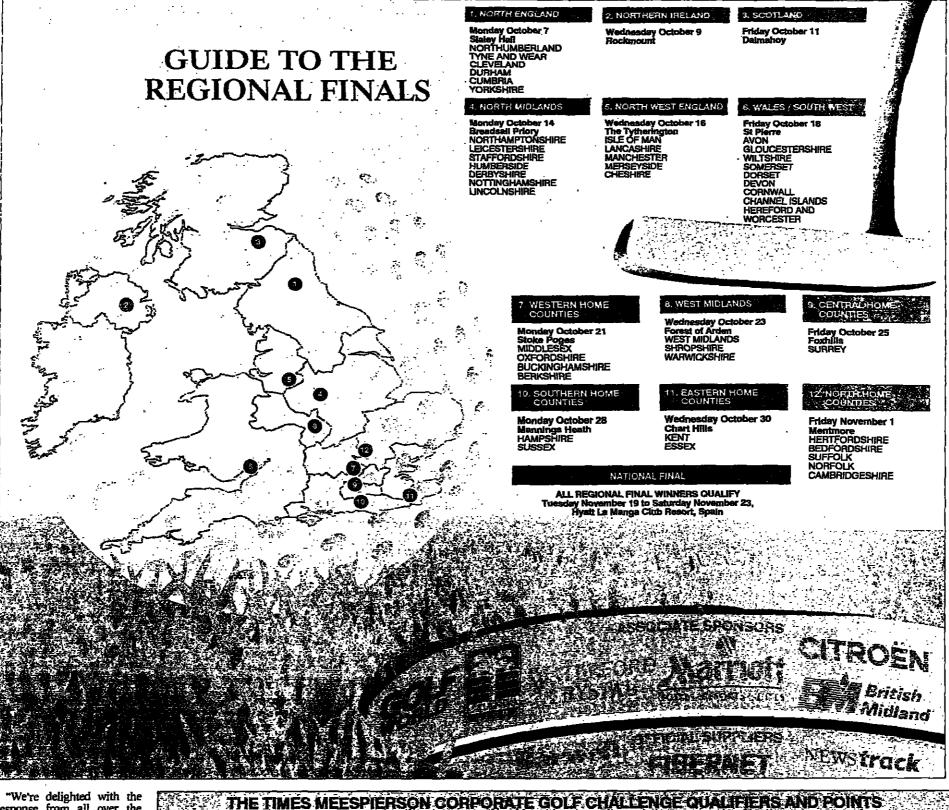
While the standard of golf has risen dramatically. the expansion of the regional final series, from ten to 12, has meant that a greater proportion of competing companies has had a genuine chance of reaching the last round of competition before the national final in Spain in November.

That extra incentive added even more spice to the only corporate golf competition in the country that genuinely rewards good golf. A fat cheque book will not help a jot in this event. To achieve, you must perform. In that respect, world that is its parent.

One of the cornerstones of the Challenge since its birth has been that the players who make up the team to represent a firm in the event have got there by playing the best golf on the company golf day.

No discrimination is drawn between the junior employees and the company chief execufive: if the apprentice beats the chairman, he is in and the chairman is out. There is much talk these days of the "feel-good" factor - and there is no greater "feel-good" factor than the quiet satisfaction to be derived from having the last word over the boss.

One of the most pleasing aspects of the entry profile for the competition this year has been the spread of registrations up and down the country. With the exception of the Central Home Counties. which embraces the fertile City of London, no region has had in excess of 30 entries more than any other.



country," John Mitchell, the event director, said. "It's comparatively easy to draw a Home Counties, but it's good to know that the whole of the British Isles has responded to the event, too. It's what we sought when we launched the competition, and this year we have achieved our target more than ever before."

The inevitable consequence is that the standard of golf will be higher in the forthcoming four weeks. Before a ball is struck, it is possible to state with utter conviction that the national final, under the eye of Sky Sports' cameras at the Hyatt La Manga Club Resort. will produce better golf than it has ever done before.

First, though, must come the last and possibly greatest hurdle. Victory in the coming month will be like reaching the FA Cup Final, defeat will leave the sinking feeling of the defeated semi-finalists. It will not be easy, that much is

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Australia at the end of Great Britain's present tour. Instead. the countries are expected to meet in a two-match series during the Super League season next year, before the World Cup in Britain, which is scheduled for November 1997. After its Appeal Court suc-cess last Friday, the Super League will this week ancalendar and details of world club play-offs between the top European and Australasian sides next summer. The fact that it came at such short

Great Britain-Australia match next month. The game in Australia is once more chronically divided. The country is destined to have two rival competitions next year and now has two national teams, the Super League one and the Australian Rugby League version, which overcame a Papua New Guin-ea XIII 52-6 in Port Moresby

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vesterday. Britain's undefeated tour party arrive in Auckland today for three matches against New Zealand, who routed the official Papua national team 62-8 in Rotorua on Saturday, at around the same time that Britain were defeating Fiji by a record margin of 72-4 in Nadi. The performances of both sides bode well for the series, which begins on Friday

Fiji's intimidatory tactics, bringing the touchlines in ten metres, keeping Britain waiting in near 100F temperatures, informing them of the wrong kick-off time and resorting to violence, all backfired. On a bone-hard pitch, Britain's 13try romp was all the more

remarkable. Bobbie Goulding was the resounding winner of a clash with Mala Yasa, one of four England-based players in the Fiji side, who was sent off after 20 minutes. The inspirational Britain serum half was a marked man, but his marksmanship was a key factor as attempts. His first hat-trick of tries took his tally to 32 points, easily exceeding the previous individual points-scoring record of 26 by John Holmes. against New Zealand, in 1972. against New Zealand, in 1972, scores British Tries: Gouding (3), Hune (2), Powell (2), Spruce (2), Casedy, Farrell, Serior, Sulfivan, Goals: Goulding (10) RJI: Sovatabus, Barvilale, Tamani, Thompson, Tulevu, Ratudina, Nassoro, Kubuwai, Yadroka, Yasa, Sagatu J Dekuloga, Nataglagi, Substitutes: V Dakuloga, Nataglagi, Substitutes: V Dakuloga, Nataglagi, Walnotros, Walnotros, GREAT BRITAIN: S Spruce: A Hunte, h. Radfinski, D Powell, A Sulfivan, I Hartis, R. Goulding P Broadbert, K Curnogham, B. McDermon, D Berts, P Scuthoppe, A Fairel Substitutes: T Smrth, S Molloy, h. Senor, M. Cassidy, Referee: J Stokes (New Zealand)

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Wouldn't it be nice

Why beginners can warm to an Ice Age predator Of course, it was nothing of

curinuser fish than the grayling? Was where ever a fish more accommodating and, at times, plain daft? Autumn after autumn. when the mout have turned their thoughts to mating and the coarse season is beginning its annual winter decline, it is the oddly unseasonal, ichthyologically unreasonable grayling that comes to the angler's

No fish is more willing to feed in cold weather. No fish is more willing to go on feeding though its fellows are being plucked to the surface all around and instinct would be telling wiser fish to lie low. The grayling is a curiosity right down to its genes, straddling as it does the lordly salmonids and the so-called coarse fish: it carries physical features of

Yet odd or no, true salmonid or no, it is this relic of the Ice Age that is the focus for anglers from now on. Though the peak of its season occurs over the next few weeks, the grayling will provide sport all

I have already had my first grayling outing. The day grad-act downwards, which seemed oddly appropriate. The first fish I took was a corker of close to 2lb. It rose to a tiny black midge. The last weighed less than two ounces. It took a gigantic daddy-long-legs intended for a mout. Quite

how that tiny sliver of a thing took the great fly into its mouth I do not know. I suspect that it was not so much trying to eat the fly as hitch a ride downstream and simply misjudged its jump.

Like many, I was introduced to the grayling when young. As a lad fishing the Tees near High Conniscliffe, I caught grayling beyond number. Although that was almost a lifetime away, I could still walk down that steep bank and go to the precise spot where, one Christmas morning, a friend and I pushed a great sheet of ice out from a bay and trotted a hook bait along an eddy beneath a float.

Those grayling taught me one of my first angling lessons. The fish would not take the freely-floated bait, but once the end of the swim had been reached, and the float was checked before being wound back, they would grab time after time. We only knew that it worked, not why it worked. We were too young and inexperienced to know that we were using what fly-fishers call the "induced take".

When the float was checked, the current swept the line, and bait beneath it, towards the surface. Seeing potential food that, up to that point, seemed unattractive, but was now making an escape, the fish's instincts took over. They simply grabbed the way any predator would, the way a Brian Clarke on the strange attributes of a fish let down by its own basic instincts

bored cat will snatch at a length of wool that is suddenly

It is odd to think of the grayling as a predator, but it is. The brilliant Oliver Kite, a legend still, engineered for himself near-mystical status in the 1960s because of his ability to exploit its reflex behaviour. Kite had his own pro-gramme on television. He

knew his local waters, the

Avon in Wiltshire and the

Wylye, from bed to surface.

fold for the cameras. He cast out and then, after a moment or two, as though by magic, his rod bent to a fish. He repeated the feat a number of times. The television audience marvelled. Here was a man with a sixth sense, using

He was not only a brilliant

fisherman, he was a great

showman. He was so prac-tised and confident of his skill

with the induced take that he

once volunteered to fish blind-

much practice when the camtightened. Bingo.



The grayling can provide rich pickings in autumn

the kind. Kite knew precisely what he was doing, which is not to say that it did not take immense skill to execute. He only fished where he knew a dense shoal of grayling would be. He positioned himself carefully before the blindfold went on. He cast upstream of the fish with a weighted nymph and, when he judged the fly had drifted back to the shoal, at its depth, he lifted a little line. The nymph soared up and away from the fish and

they responsed as he expected.

After a brief pause, timed by

eras were not present, he Grayling in dense shoals will not only often respond to the induced-take as though trained by Pavlov, they will go on taking dry flies from the surface long after more cautious fish would have been put

on guard. Quite why grayling will go on rising as they do when an angler is wreaking havoc in their midst has long been a puzzle. I can only imagine that some form of competitive reaction takes over among fish needing food at a time of year when it is scarce. Hunger and competition presumably subordinate caution.

It is because the grayling is so obliging to both nymph fisher and dry fly fisher that the next few weeks should prove one of the best times of the year for a beginner to be introduced. Floating leaves may prove a nuisance but, beyond that, shoaling grayling will offer the nearest thing to a guarantee that angling provides. As every old hand knows, there is no more important ingredient to a beginner's first day than a fish.

There is something else that old hands know. It is that all the above applies to shoaling grayling. Big grayling are a different matter.

Big grayling tend to be solitary creatures. Usually they will be in deep water, which makes them difficult to locate. Because they are big. they will have commandeered the best place, and so they will be seeing more food than most. Because they are big for that is how, on hard-fished waters, they got big in the first place - they will be streetwise and wary. Because they are solitary, they have no need to compete. Even when found and fished for, big grayling can be as difficult to tempt as the biggest and canniest trout.

So the next few weeks will offer all-round sport, even if it is sport that is limited by species. There will still be a challenge for old hands and opportunities for new. Thymallus thymallus will do his autumnai stuff yet again.

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St Bede's widens its net to secure progress in tennis

PERCHED on the eastern slope of Beachy Head, St Bede's has one of the most spectacular settings for any school in the country. It also has an enviable record of success in prep school sport. This year, the boys gynmastics team took the national title, the boys hockey first XI won all their inter-school matches and the colts' seven-aside rugby team finished third in the national championship.

However, it is in tennis that the co-educational school -200 boys, 100 girls - has enjoyed its most consistent success over the years. Julie Salmon, the former British junior champion, and Oliver Foreman, a 16-year-old of huge potential, both went to St

Three months ago the school won the prep schools national doubles title with an unusual partnership of Pavel Shishkanov, from Belarus. and Richard Harrison, from Sussex.

Two years ago, Shishkanov was studying at a language school in Eastbourne when Clay Iles, the St Bede's tennis coach, received a call from the school asking whether he



could help to train the boy. He was highly ranked in his country as a junior and clearly had talent," Iles, a former national coach and Wimbledon player, said.

Before returning home after his course, Shishkanov and his mother were taken round St Bede's. Although they went back to Minsk, they were so attracted to the school that Shishkanov's parents phoned a week later and he began studying at St Bede's. Now aged 14, he has gone to the senior school at The Dicker. He has. Iles said, "a very good attitude. He is highly competitive. However he needs to work on his backhand and his service also needs to be stronger."

can play right through the In the prep schools champwinter," lles said. Peter Pyemont, the headmaster for 33 years, has seen how tennis has matched the soaring development of the school. Short tennis is proving so popular with the under-

de Winton, of Clifton.

favourite subject.

Shishkanov said.

Tyson: "He will be tough."

of his coaching, St Bede's has

two covered courts on site

where practice can often begin at 7.15am. "Having the indoor

courts means that the pupils

nines that they finished first in the Sussex section of the Midland Bank competition. Both of his children were junior county players and his brother. Chris, took the prep schools boys singles in 1960. However, Chris's son, James, a former St Bede's boy, is more Tonbridge. He has just been nominated as young player of the year by The Cricketer

The headmaster, looking back over his years at the school, said: "Once you attract excellence then it multiplies."



Bobby Bonilla hits a home run for Baltimore Orioles against Cleveland

Villain turns star of show

By Keith Blackmore

divisional series 3-1. They will

play New York Yankees in a

best-of-seven series, beginning

in New York tomorrow, for

the American League Champ-

ionship. The National League

Championship Series, which

begins on Wednesday, will be

between Atlanta Braves and St

Louis Cardinals, who also

The Orioles' victory was as

The Indians, who won 99

second consecutive year, spe-

up in the American League.

series on Saturday.

ROBERTO ALOMAR, the second baseman whose presence in the Baltimore Orioles line-up had threatened to disrupt the playing of the Major League play-offs, became the star of the show on Saturday. carrying his team into the American League Championship Series with two crucial

Alomar had been the subject of simmering controversy since last weekend, when he spat on and insulted an umpire. The American League subsequently suspended him for five games but he was able to defer that punishment until next season by appealing. The umpires threatened to strike in protest but were ordered to work by the courts.

the Indians led 4-3 and were All that was forgotten on one out away from tying the Saturday night when Alomar series with a home game to made the difference as Baltimore beat Cleveland Indians. come. Alomar singled, scoring the most successful team in Alexander and sending the game into extra innings. baseball this season, 5-4 to take the best-of-five Two tense and scoreless

innings passed before Alomar came to the plate again. He clubbed a pitch from Jose Mesa over the centrefield wall for the winning run. "I've been going through a lot of tough times," Alomar said. "I made a mistake and

apologised, now I have to

move on. I'm real happy to

wrapped up their divisional come here and help my team The Orioles are in the League Championship series dramatic as it was unexpected. for the first time in 13 years. games in the regular season, were considered favourites to The Yankees have not been there for 15 years, a drought ended when they beat Texas Rangers 6-4 thanks to two reach the World Series for the cially since Baltimore only home runs from Bernie Wilqualified for the play-offs via a liams, one hit left-handed, the wild card for the best runnerother right.

St Louis completed their victory over San Diego Padres But, once Baltimore had by winning 7-5 to reach the won the opening two games. the Indians had to do or die. National League Championship Series, where they will They won the third game on Friday and when Alomar meet Atlanta Braves, who came to the plate in the top of beat Los Angeles Dodgers 5-2 the ninth inning on Saturday. to sweep their series 3-0.

May's memory to inspire a new generation David Miller reports on an appeal to

upgrade sports facilities in London

n a single winter during his time as captain of England and Surrey. Peter May attended more than 70 dinners as an invited speaker. Though a genial and benign man, he was far from being a boisterous socialite. It was not a task that he sought or needed.

He went, for the same reason that he agreed later to become Test selector and subsequently chairman of selectors, because he believed in putting something back into cricket. He always considered that he, rather than the game. was the beneficiary, through the enjoyment he had from his feats at the wicket. This was a man, even in his prime, shy of the limelight

Nothing could be more appropriate, therefore, as a lasting memorial to this classic batsman - who scored 13 centuries in 66 Tests at an average of nearly 47, hit 146 as a schoolboy against the Combined Services and a century for England as an undergrad-uate, and totalled 27,592 runs with an average of 51 - than the appeal in his name by the London Playing Fields Society (LPFS).

The appeal is launched this evening at the Oval, with the hope of raising £7.5 million: two-thirds of which is to be applied for from the National Lottery Fund, for the upgrading of four existing LPFS sites: Wadham Lodge in Walthamstow, Fairlop Oak in Hamault; Morden Park and Prince George's at Raynes Park Already 11.2 million is promised from the private sector in the most ambitious project in the 107-year history

More than £3 million is projected for Wadham Lodge, to be renamed The Peter May Sports Centre, incorporating four cricket squares, two artificial wickets, six football and two hockey grass pitches, and an artificial football/hockey pitch. It is hoped to double the present yearly figure of a quarter of a million individual appearances at all LPFS

of the Society.

Chairman of the appeal is Lord Prior, the former Cabinet minister, an able cricketer and footballer, and a colleague of May's at school and university. "Our aim is to widen sports opportunities in disadvantaged areas," Lord

get off the streets and to be able to use facilities similar to those that Peter enjoyed at Charterhouse and Cambridge." May was also an accomplished football and hockey player and possibly the greatest of all Eton fives players, together with his brother John, a minor counties cricketer. Both brothers died prematurely. Peter in

The LPFS sites are intended for all, from school-age upwards, the masses and the elite. It is planned that the London Cricket College, of which David Gower is presi-dent, will function at Wadham Lodge, developing and coaching players to the highest level.

Alex Welsh, a former PE teacher with the Inner London Education Authority, was appointed as co-ordinator in all sports at Wadham Lodge in 1989. He is still running evening goalkeeping courses at Arsenal's Centre of Excellence at Highbury.

7 elsh said: "My job is making maximum use of the facilities for the benefit of the local population. We are building a bridge between the schools in midweek and a club base at weekends, somewhere for kids to go and realise their potential, and then to have a continuation after their school days. I am trying to create a cricket-in-the-community environment. Sometimes we have 15 school cricket games in a week."

As Welsh says, the LPFS charity is low key, without the heart-strings pull of health charities, yet vital to the nation's future. "Without our involvement, several of our centres would probably now be supermarkets," he said.

Weish follows May's sense of service to sport. The power of May's hitting, similar to that of Vivian Richards, reminded old stagers of the ferocious Douglas Jardine. yet, when he retired, May reflected: "I never saw the game as a personal thing. which is why I enjoyed it so much." Generous response to the memory of his altruism can assist this generation and those to come.

∟ı rere peal, 1-2 Hanover Street, Prior said, "to help youngsters London WIR 9WB.

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SPORTS LETTERS

Welsh must stir themselves

1970s.

Harrison, left, and Shishkanov won the prep schools

national doubles title for St Bede's earlier this year

From Mr Nicolas Stevenson

ing the limited interest the Welsh senior rugby union clubs are taking in the Anglo-Welsh competition (report, October 2). I have always believed Wales's league system to be strong, yet with Bath crushing Swansea at the Recreation Ground and Cardiff pulling the plug on the Harlequins fixture in September, I began to have doubts.

When I heard that Neath were to visit Wasps at Repton Avenue, I purchased four tickets at El2 each. It was with great regret that a sombre official called me the day before the fixture to inform me that Neath were not able to raise a side, the game was cancelled and I would be given a full refund.

As an amateur cricketer, I accept that occasionally ourselves or our opponents are unable to fulfil a fixture due to lack of availability. But a professional rugby club doing this? This is an extraordinary state of affairs. Are the Welsh sides not prepared to take this competition seriously? Or do they not want to risk the potential humiliation of being thrashed. England always

New tradesmen

From Mr David I.C. Caldwell

Sir. Apropos Mel Webb's TV

Action Replay (September 30) on Gary Lineker's shortcom-

ings as a presenter. I would

like to offer some words in

defence of Sky TV's Andrew

Castle, and, to a lesser extent,

ibed as groping his way

haplessly through the maze of

has, in my time as a Sky sub-scriber, improved at a consid-

erably faster rate than Lin-

I have it on good authority

eker, and continues to do so.

that Castle, in common with

many former sportsmen and

women, is respected for his

empathy with players and for

the fact that he, unlike many

presenters and commentators

who often betray their tabloid

press backgrounds, resists the

temptation to sensationalise

events and demand an inquisi-

tion in the event of failure. "So

X, where do you think it all

PGA European Tour golf . . .

Castle, whom Webb descr-

Lineker himself.

whipping by the Welsh national side in Carditt in the

I am not interested in listening to Neath's feeble excuses about a lack of props and the proliferation of major fixtures. The clubs are now professional, we (the supporters and sponsors) now pay considerable amounts to see these games and expect value for money - players on the pitch. though I don't need the likes of Gary Glitter records or dancing girls. If a fixture is to be played, it is fulfilled or the club backing out concedes the league points to its opponents.

From what I have read, Wasps had spent a considerable amount of money oublicising the event, printing tickets, postage and so forth, and I sincerely hope that Neath are heavily punished for their amateurish behaviour. For Neath's sake they had better make sure that the premiums for their cancellation and abandonment insurance policies are fully paid up.

Yours faithfully, NICOLAS STEVENSON, 16 Evelyn Gardens, Richmond,

Television presenting skills

are largely technical and can

therefore, in time, be taught

and learnt, but eliciting a

revealing response from a

sportsman or woman often

requires a deeper understand-

ing of the competitor's psyche.

Should we be surprised that

Montgomerie, Faldo and Dalglish do not always feel

inclined to talk to the media?

Let us give Castle and Lineker

a chance to learn their new

Yours faithfully. DAVID I. C. CALDWELL,

Bradford. West Yorkshire.

5 Bateson Street,

Greengates,

trade.

No going back for Klinsmann

Sir, Rob Hughes's open letter to Jürgen Klinsmann (October is a worthy attempt to identify the problems at Bayern Munich where each day off the top of the Bundesliga is always perceived to be one of

Perhaps the following points should be considered: Klinsmann scored a huge number of goals in an English league accepted everywhere apart from the mother of football as second rate: only once, in 1988 at VfB Stuttgart. where he scored 19 goals in a season, has he topped the Bundesliga charts, Incidentally, Klinsmann's tally was one off Tony Yeboah's 20 for Eintracht Frankfurt in 1993.

Klinsmann has spent much time abroad, at Internazionale of Milan with Lothar Matthäus and Giovanni Trappatoni, and at Monaco where his relations with Arsène Wenger were said to be less than constructive, hence his drought of goals. I doubt he would sign for Arsenal. Hughes quotes Franz

Soccer pioneers

Sir, When I was at Haileybury

in the late Forties we used to

play football regularly on Sun-

days. There were no inter-

school matches but unofficial

house matches took place,

although not all houses took

banned. Who by? Not the

school authorities but the rug-

by secretary (another boy). The rugger men won the day.

at least, it seems from your

Yours faithfully, M. W. W. DO. KERRICH.

II Malloy Court,

Altrincham, Cheshire.

Belgrave Road.

report (September 25), until

Alas, in 1949 football was

From Mr M. Kerrich

turned up for their biennial From Mr Christopher Mayer Beckenbauer from Bild, but his open letter does not give the benefit of direct quotes from other so-called warring factions. Beckenbauer apparently also demanded the team works like crazy and gives its all for 90 minutes." He should know about dissent in the ranks. As captain of the 1974 World Cup winning team, he was said to be consistenly at loggerheads with the coach and was rebuked for spitting during the loss to East Germany.

Klinsmann says he will retire after the next World Cup. Matthaus publicly insists he will retire after captaining Germany in the tournament. Both would also like to bow out with a European Cup winner's medal. I suggest Klinsmann. who knows one should never go back, stands a chance of achieving that goal in Munich rather than in London. Manchester or Liverpool.

Yours faithfully. CHRISTOPHER MAYER, 99 Chestnut Grove. New Malden, Surrey.

From Mr Nick Malicka

Sir. It was most gratifying to

find a report and a photo-

graph of Haileybury's soccer

exploits. Some of the pioneers

of the game from 1967 are still

playing for the Old Hailey-burian Veterans team. In 1967

the Master, Bill Stewart,

viewed these pioneers as

sives to the game of rugby

football. Today, they are hon-

est supporters of the Estab-

lishment: accountants, estate

agents, engineers, insurance

NICK MALICKA (Captain.

Old Haileyburian Veterans).

Headmaster, Raphael Independent School,

brokers and educators.

Yours faithfully,

Hornchurch, Essex.

Park Lane.

rebels" and potential subver-

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

Which chance is more likely: (i) a 3-3 break or, failing that, at least one of one of two particular cards to be in a particular hand; (ii) a suit to break no worse than 4-2? That was the declarer's problem, as described in the Bulletin on this hand from the European Youth Championships.

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Contract: Four Spades by South

being with East is 76 per cent).

In the match between Denmark and Lithuania, South played Four Spades. The bidding wasn't given in the report I read, but it was presumably something like: One Diamond One Spade - Two Spades — Four Spades.

After West's lead of the ten of spades (remind me to do another diatribe against trump leads) the declarer's trump loser disappeared. How should he try for his tenth trick?

One line is to draw trumps, cross to a diamond to take a heart finesse, and then test diamonds. If they are not 3-3. take another heart finesse. The 3-3 break is 36 per cent, and so the non-3-3 break is 64 per cent. Of that 64 per cent you make 76 per cent of the time (the chance of at least one heart honour

Lead: Ten of spades

Overall, about 85 per cent. The other line is to draw trumps and duck a diamond. Diamonds no worse than 4-2 is about 84 per cent. So you might think the Lithuanian declarer would take the first line. Unfortunately, he played too well. He recognised that after ducking the diamond he could discard two hearts on diamonds. If the diamonds were 5-1 he could still succeed if East had a favourable club holding - A K, or ace or king singleton or doubleton. Alas, it all failed, and the inferior line would have succeeded. Pity the hideous trump lead didn't get what it deserved.

Robert Sheehan writes on

bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

By Philip Howard

b. A logical toy Eye-rolling

FRIPPET a. A frivolous female b. A Lancashire pancake

LUCRIPETOUS a. Precipitous

c. Avaricious VARLET a. Rental by the year b. A secret letter

Answers on page 49

KEENE on CHESS

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BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Lost medals

The England team tied for third place in the Erevan Chess Olympiad. England finished level on points with the United States but had to surrender the bronze medals on tie-break. It might have been quite different if the game today, from the United States (de Firmian) - Armenia (Azmaiparashvili) match, played in the last round, had ended in a draw instead of a win for the United States. After White's 45th move Black still had substantial drawing prospects. Had Black been able to carry out further simplification after move 45. he could well have held on for 42 Ne5 43 Kg2 44 Nc4 the half-point which would have given England bronze. Instead, Black's 45th and 46th 45 Ne3 moves were both colossal

White: N de Firmian Black: Z Azmaiparashvili Erevan Olympiad, Armenia September 1996 Scandinavian Defence

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Diagram of final position

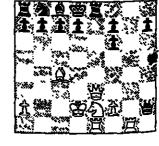
☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Perlasco — Grassi. Como 1907. In this game White has lost 1907. In this game White has lost almost all his pawns, but has a big lead in development. This is typical of the old classical style and now White, littingly, found a classical finish. What did he play?

Solution on page 49



Sports Letters may be sent by fax to 0171-782 5211. They should include a daytime telephone number.

True champions From Mr E. C. Edge

Sir. I have constructed two tables from match results from the 1996 Britannic Assurance county cricket championship. The first gives runs per wicket for and against the top six sides, who were in the running up to the end, and also the difference between

these figures. The second table summarises their performance in matches against each other and also gives details of how

many such matches each team

penetrative bowling throughout English cricket, as has already become apparent from international results. 2. The superiority of Leicesterwas greater than

played at home and away. These figures, I think, show: I. There is a serious lack of

indicated either by the final table or by the apparent closeness of the race through the season. This is particularly the case in the bowling

Yours sincerely. EDWARD C. EDGE. Lytham St Annes, Lancashire.

WORD-WATCHING

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WORLD CUP 1998 QUALIFYING ROUNDS

The group winners and the best runner-up qualify. The other eight runners-up will be drawn in pairs and the four winners will also qualify for the finals.

The finals will be held from June 10 to July 12 1998 and will comprise

48 matches. The 32 teams will be divided into eight pools of four and matches will be played in 10 venues, two in Paris (the Stade de France at St Denis and the Parc des

Princes), Bordeaux, Lens, Lyon, Marseille, Montpellier, Nantes, St

Etienne and Toulouse. The linal

The 1998 World Cup finals will be the biggest yet with 32 nations competing. Europe will provide the

largest contingent, with 14 qualifying places at stake and France automatically included as hosts.

Africa will produce live qualifiers,

four from South America, three from Concaeal (north and central America) and one or none from Oceania (Australasia and the Far

East). Brazil, as holders, qualify

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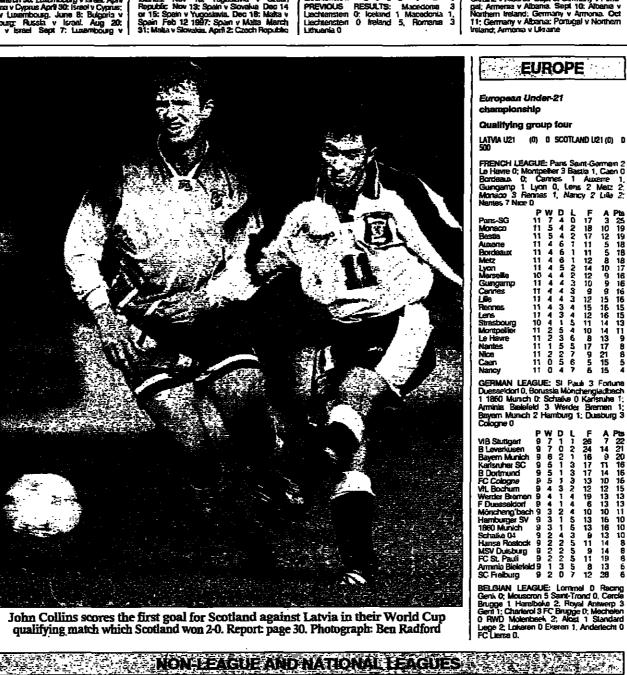
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Parrogate: Tries: Bell, Brain, Taylor, pen-ally my Cons: Doon 3 Laeds: Tries: Johnson, Thomton, Cons: Ainscough 2. Pens: Ainscough 6. Dropped goat: Application.

FOR THE RECORD BASEBALL AMERICAN LEAGUE: Play-offs: New York 6 Texas 4 (New York win best-of-five senss 3-1), Beltmore 4 Claveland 3 (12 innings, Beltmore win senss 3-1) ROAD RUNNING ROAD RUNNING

NEW YORK: World Corporate Challenge
championship (Burn) Men: 1, D Duckey
(Eng/Nat/West) 16mm 18sec. 2, M
Wethendge (Eng/Nat/West) 1820: 3, S
Totin (Eng/British Steel) 1626; Tearns: 1,
Brush Steel (Eng) 1tr 25mm 18adec, 2,
Deutsche Barik (Ge) 127:44; 3, General
Gedric (US) 1:30:15. Veterans: M Ress
(British Steel) 16min 56sec. Wornen: 1,
Salazar-Ontr (US) 19:29, 2, J Couledon
(Eng/Bardays Bank) 18:53; 3, J
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Bardays Benk (Eng) 1tr Odmin 02sec. 2,
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Barriet) 481:0, 6, 5 Bell (Chester-le-Street)
48 47, 7, M Hawkins (Bingley) 49:0, 8, M
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(Bournerouth) 49:24, 10, 5 Peterson
(Comwall) 49:34 Womer: 1, D Tulu (Eth)
52:38; 2, M Sutton (Westbury) 52:53, 3, J
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78 Women: First division: Barking and
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Dagenham 63 Shaffeld 57: Phonoida
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Northampton 64 Second division: Chalmistord 58 Lescester 52, Oxford 57 Liverpool
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ALDERSHOT: Nike South of England women's road relay chemplonishes: Seniors (4 44m): 1, Pariskide Harmy 51:12, 2, Aldershot, Farnham and District 55:24 3, Shaftestroy, Farnham and District 55:24 3, Shaftestroy, Farnham and District 55:24 3, Shaftestroy, Barner 32:50, Fasticst (Bectlord): 13:18 Under-17 (3 x 3km). Shattestroy (Parkside Harrow) and E Talbot (Bectlord): 13:18 Under-17 (3 x 3km). Shattestroy Barner 32:50, Fasticst lag: 17 Bizzater (5 statisstrury Barner): 10:31 Under-15 (3 x 3km): Chermsford 33:43, Fasticst lag: 17 Bizzater (5 statisstrury Barner): 10:31 Under-13: (3 x 3km): Chermsford 33:43, Fasticst lag: 17 Bizzater (5 statisstrury Barner): 10:34 Under-13: (3 x 3km): Chermsford 34:43, Fasticst lag: 17 Popal (Medway): 8:25 Statist lag: 17 Popal (Medway): 8:25 Statist lag: 17 Popal (Medway): 8:25 Statist lag: 17 Bizzater 16:44 miles: 1, Sallord: 1:58:31 2, Bingley: 1:59:23, 3, Morpeth 20:254, 6, Leads: City: 20:32; Shorpeth 20:254, 6, Leads: City: 20:32; Shorpeth 20:254, 6, Leads: City: 20:32; Fastisst lags: P Taylor: (Border): 18mn; 50:sec, A Pearson (Lungwood): 18:54, 1 Hudspth (Morpeth): 19:13, Women: (4 x 2 miles): 1, Leeds: City: 44mn; 12:sec, 2 Hallamshire: 47:18; 3, Lerencol 47:23, Fastisst lags: H Heasman (Horwich RMI): 10:44, A Hudey (Leads: City): 10:48; L Wright (Leeds: Civy: 10:52. **BOWLS** COUNTY MATCHES: Hertfordshire 147 Essex 183, Leicaster 229 Norfolk 157, Oxfordshire 58 Berkshire 99 BOXING MADISON SQUARE GARDEN; Inter-national Boxing Federation super-raddle-weight championship: Roy Jones (US. holder) bt Bryant Brannon (US) rec 2nd. CRICKET YORK: Yorkshire Championships: Finals: Men: S Foster bt A Horrocks 15-2, 15-9 Women: S Barbour bt T Mills 4-11, 11-2. Kenya Cup Final DEN BOSCH: Duach Open: Singles: Men: Final: J. Sun (Chrna) bi P.E. Hoyer Larsen (Den) 5-9, 9-2, 9-3, 9-5, Women: Final: Yao Yan (China) bt H.Jinga (China) 9-2, 9-2, 9-0 Pakistan v South Africa NAIRIJBI (Pakistan won toss). South Alinca beal Pakislan by Saven Wickels **RUGBY UNION** Havant: Tries: Ouffet, Jones, Miles, Reeve. Cons: Ashworth 3 Pen: Ashworth, Walsalt: Try: Haley Con: Mills. Dropped goal: Mills Liverpool St H 12 Pyide 40 taty: Try: Francescato Con: Dominguez Pens: Dominguez 5 Wates: Tries: Thomas 2, James, Cons: Jenkns 2 Pens: Jen-Liverpool St Helens: Tries: Nugent 2 Con: Humphreys: Pylde: Tries: Anderson, Bell, Ivvng. O'Toole Cons: Gough 4. Pens: Gough 4 Otley: Tries: Karby 3, Walker. Cons: Rutledge 3 Pens Rutledge Ciliton: Tries: Ashford. Hamid, Hayward, Cadey, Lloyd Cons: Cadey 4 Pens: Cadey 3. Reading 24 Morley 34
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Camberley
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High Wycombe
Barking
North Walsham
Weeton o Mare London Scottleh: Tries: Terbuck, Watson Cons: Steele 2 Pens: Steele 3. Blackheeth: Tries: Harstip 2, Fitzgerald. Cons: Bratthwate 2 Pens: Snarthwate 4. Moseley: Tries: McKimon, Poli Con. Birch, Pert Birch Richmond: Tries: Falkon 3, S Ourmel 3, C Ourmel 2, Bateman, Curies, Cottrel, Daves, Hutton Mason Cone: Mason 7 Per; Mason. Plymouth Berry Hill Askeens Cheriton Park Newcastle 156 Rugby 5
Newcastle: Tries: Armstrong 3, Graham 3,
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dropped goal). 72: A Peacock (Monley, 15c.
14pg). 71: P Montis (Lydney, 1t. 9c., 16pg).
70: I Morgan (Redouth, 1t, 7c., 17pg); P
Rutledge (Otley, 11, 13c, 13pg). Tries. S: G
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Bindigwater 24, Sallsbury 35 Stroud 34;
Torquey 25 Silves 8,
MEDLANDS: Burton 16 Belgrave 18; Camp Hill 30 Berkers Butte 5, Derby 49 Wolverhampton 14, Hindsley 48 Whitchurch 6;
Lesinnington 22 Wessleigh 15, Leighton
Buzzard 8 Syston 7, Mansfield 15 Stockwood Park 10, Sounthorpe 65 Scallord 31,
NORTH: Bradford and Bingley 23 Macclesfeld 3, Hull Ionians 10 Wigdon 37, Sedgley
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Park Branthope 25 New Brighton 43.
Westsh I pagnus Rotherham: Tries: Bons, Burnhit, Easterby, Harper, Heastegrave Cons. Inmen 2 Pens: Immen 2 Dropped goet: Heastegrave Waterloo: Tries: Coast. White Const. C Thompson 2 Pens: C Thompson 3.

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Aberavon: Tries: Diplock 2, Kinsey 2,
Balvar, C Lowis, G Davies, J Davies, Peards,
R Morris, Cons: Sell 7 Ystradigyntais: Try:
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CYCLING TIME-TRIALS: Nottingham Clarion (Turlord, 25 miles), 1, P. Longbottom (North
Wirral Valo) 52min 18sec: 2, J. Ramsbottom
(North Wirral Valo) 5256; 3, C. Stansforth, J.E.
James RT, 54:48, Team: Ratend CC
25:4*01 East Anglian CC (Bungay, Suffoli,
25 miles) 1, 2 Carr (Leo RC) 52:21; 2, D
Staff (North Road RT) 54:51, 3, T Berber (VC
Noresch) 55:55 Team; VC Noreich
2:49 23, Verulam CC (Termisstord, Berdfordstine, 25 miles) 1, G Platts (Coalville
Wireelers) 51:59; 2, N Gales (Paulton
Accountante) 52:24:3, K Nurray (Army TT)
52:42. Team: Leo RC 2:82:27. Colchester
Rovers (25 miles) 1, G Taylor (Leo RC)
54:52, 2, Rvan Looy (Octegon VC) 58:29; 3, A
Stapptent (Leo RC) 55:58. Leo Valley RC
(Ligley, Essex, 25 miles) 1, S Howes (Feam
Energy) 55:50; 2, K Platts (Coalville
Wheelers) 57:10, 3, E Henson (Leo Walley
RC) 56:29. Team: Leo Valley RC 3:13:27.
Kent CA (Lydd, 25 miles): 1, A Archer (GS
invota) 56:57; 2, N Baker (VC Deel) 58:00.
3, C Bax (Mharel RC) 58:13 Team; VC Deal
2:57:48. Fentand Clarion (Stradssti, Norloh, 25 miles): 1, A Nevark (CC Brejckland)
59:24: 2, M Adams (King's Lynn CC) 59:37;
3, A Lintin (Allord Wheelers) 59:56. Rother
Valley CC (Your of the Lod Valley, 24 miles): Tennents Premiership First division Boroughmuir 76 Jed-Forest

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Rams Raja e and b Crookes 3
Saeed Azad e Crooke b Donald 31
Mon Khan b McMillan 22
Azhar Mahnnood bw b Crookes 3
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Pontypoot: Tries: Handley, Lynch, N Hope. Cons. G. Ctarke 3 Llandovery: Try: P Jones Jones

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THIRD DIVISION: Liantharan 20 Narcherth THIRD DIVISION: Userharen 20 Narberth 20, Merthyr 10 Tondu 5: Mountain Ash 29 Tredeger 20: Pyle 58 Penarth 19, Rumney 92 Builtin Wells 14; Tenby Utd 20 Kenting Hit 16 Porcuginmuir: Tries: Fizpelmck 3, C Finney 2, McClean 2, Wyle 2, Burns, Jennings, Land, Rennon. Cons: Laird 3, Folchert. Pen: Folchert. 12 Cumle Hawick

Hawlok: Pens: Tumbull 4. Currie: Tries: Blair, Watt, pensity try Con: Donaldson. Pens: Donaldson 2. Dropped goat: Officer. Heriot's FP 18 Meirose 62 Heriot's FP: Tries: Keenan, Procter. Con: Ross Pens; Ross 2. Melrose: Tries: Bain 2, Stark 2, Ailven, Chalmers, G. Parker, Nichol, Shapherd, Come: G. Parker 7. Pent. G. Parker Stirting County 16 Watsonlans Stiring County: Try: penalty try Core Easson. Pens: Easson 2. Dropped goal: Easson. Watsonians: Tries: Brown 2. Ker 2. J. McDonald, Marter, S. Hasings, Weston. Cons: Hodge 3. Pens: Hodge 4.

Second division Edinburgh Acads 23 Dundee HSFP 10 Edinburgh Academicals: Tries: C Allan, Murray, Simpson Corc Simmers. Pens: Kiddle, Simmers. Dundee HSFP: Try: Pearson Corr. Pearson. Pen: Pearson. Glasgow HK 35 Glasgow Acads 26 Glasgow High/Kelvinside: Tries: Breckennige, Common, Logan, M Wallace, Cons: Breckennidge 2, McLeod, Pans:

Gelia: Tries: M Changling 2. C Dalgleish, Pemeti, Wer Cons: C Patierson 3 Pens: C Patierson 3 Biggar; Tries: Namson 2. Abenethy, Humng, Cons: Humng 2. Pens: Kelso: Tries: A Roxburgh 3 Jackson Cons: Barrd 2 Pen: Utterson, Wast of Scotland: Tries: Barrati, J Shaw, R Craig, Wing. Cons: R Craig 2 Pens: R Craig 4 THIRD DIVISION: Kilmarnock 22 Selkrik 20, Musseiburgh 12 Preston Lodge 21: Peebles 16 Glasgow Southern 23, Stewart's Metville CD 9 Kirkhalds 43.

16 Glasgow status. FP 8 Kirkcaldy 47. FOURTH DIVISION: Glenrothes 15 Gordonans 24, Haddington 10 Corstor-phine 18, Hillhead/Jordanini 24 Grange-mouth B, Langholm 21 Ayr 28 Irish inter-provincial championships Connacht 22 Leinster 13

Connacht: Tries: Elwood, Leahy Pens: Elwood 4 Leinster: Try: N Francis Conc Governey, Pens: Governey 2 (at Galway) 27 Ulster Munster: Tries, Dineer, Gawey Cort Begley Pens: Begley 3, Dropped goals; Keane, McMor Uleter: Tries: Duncan, McCall, Cort, Lamg, Pens; Lamg 4 (at Thornord Park, Limerick)

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3, Woking 0 High Wycombe 2, Wokingham
O Wimbedon 1, Hampshire/Summy, Bonnes
3 Welton and Weybridge 0, Comberley 0
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Whitgitians 4, Oxled 2 Petersfield 0;
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1, Old Walcoumbers 3 Southemption 1;
Epsom 1 Purley 3, Kent/Susses: Achtord 2
Old Holcomberns 3, Beweleys 3, Old
Bordoniens 1, Bedevriesth 1 Eastbourne 2,
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Bäckheath 7 Mid Sussex 2; Bognor 1 Lloyd
Bank 4; Brighton 1 Sevencels 1, Hemie Bay
4 Horsham 1, Middeleton 4 Marden Russens
1, Worthing 3 Turse Nill 2, Midder/Berks/Bucka and Oxon: Gerrards Cross 0 AUSTRALIAN GRAND FINAL: Randwick 28 Warringah 6 (in Sydney). 28 Warningan 6 (in Sydney).

CURITE CUP: South Western Districts 8
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Griqualand West; Transvaal v Western
Province (October 12) FRENCH CHAMPIONSHIP: Pool one: Agen 29 Toulouse 16, Grenoble 23 Castres 21, Béziers 24 Dex 25; Périgeux 12 Blamitz 6, Nimes 12 Bourgon 21, Pool two: Pau 28 Narborne 21, Brive 47 PUC 18; Colomises 33 Toulon 7, Perpignen 34 Bégles-Bordeaux 18. Dijon 17 Mont-lemand 27

1, M Sinnoti (Festival RC) 59:23, 2, P Rowden (Rother Valley CC) 59:40; 3, M Merchani (SS Stella) 10:10, Tearnt GS Stella 3:02:23 North Bucks RC (Milton Faynes, 10 miles), 1, Z Cari (Lao RC) 19:47; 2, G Olghton (Leo RC) 20:07, 3, M Sotthii (Coalvite Wheelers) 20:24 Tearnt Leo RC 1,00:25 **GOLF**

2. G Digmon (Leo PK.) 2017. 3. As sorms (CoaNille Wheelers) 20:24 Tearns Lso RC 1:00:25

HBL-CLIMBS: Cleveland Wheelers (Carlton Bank, North Volteshire, 1 mile, 300 yards): 1, D Bencietow (Mortey CC, 6:35, 78, 2. P Love (Michidge CRT) 9:53:04, 3, P Wess, (Michidge CRT) 6:53:34, Tearn: Michidge CRT) 6:53:34, Tearn: Middhidge CRT 9:53:36, 3, P Wess, (Michidge CRT) 6:53:34, Tearn: Middhidge CRT) 6:53:34, Tearn: Middhidge CRT) 8:53:34, Tearn: Middhidge CRT) 8:53:34, Tearn: Middhidge CRT) 8:53:34, Tearn: Middhidge CRT) 8:63:36:55

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CYCLO-CROSS: St Helens CRC (Shendley Park, 12 miles): 1, C Anelay (Hope Technology) 1:04.12.2 M Armitage (Calder Carter) at 48sec, 3, P Evens (Henry Hall Cycles) at 68sec. Bearwale CC (Nots and Derbys Laegue round one, Strewberry Hill, near Mansfeld, 12 miles): J Taylor (Gianl-Graphitt) 49:23, 2, M Seddon (Aca RT) at 8sec, 3, G Hardwicke (Shockasch-Double A) at 11sec. Zodiac CRC (Kirdy Sports Cartre, Menseyside, 12 miles): 1, M Rumph (unanached) 55:38, 2, C Fowler (Liverpool Century RC) at 28sec; 3, R Hunt (Ride On) at 54-sac.

EQUESTRIANISM WEMBLEY: Horse of the Year Show.
Olympic Knock-Out: 1. Cettic Hero (P.
Crago), 2. Filp (D. MacPherson, SA), 3.
equal, Just Millstreet (K. Snore) and Check
Up (D. Charles). Sherr Bullet. Salver: 1.
Fiorela. (G. Goosen) clear 43:55ec; 2.
Trudo Jannique (L. Philippaere, Bel) clear
43:68; 3. Shurtands Governor (F. Mathey Jr.,
Bel) clear 44:22. Warmbley International
Cup: 1, Cowboy Magic Barry Bug (J.
Whitaker) clear 34:63ec; 2, hoor (Mathey
Jr) clear 98:39; 3. Outok Sherr (G. Dommio,
It) three faults 43:86. Dick Turpin International Jumping Statese: 1, Flandi (J.
Warison) 58:04ea; 2, Uponas LB (M.
Warison) 5

Whiteker) clear 33.35; 3, Easy Touch (H Mansheld) four faults 33.13. Speedway Grooms jumping: 1, Mancuso (J Elis) clear 43.90sec: 2, Brookend Rephaela (R Chisnell) clear 44.79.3, Truto Jammoue (C Bott) clear 45.39. Volvo World Cup Dressage Oualifier: 1, Winsome (P Rock, Carl 68.81, 2, Askarl (R Devison, GS) 68.55, 3, Olympic Barbria (T Bartel, Holland, 68.41 Templetion Supreme In-Hand Champtonehip: Champton, J L Dunico's Man of Honour, Reserves Mrs Roper-Caldbeck's Chambley Vesper Puissances (B Bilington, GB) and Ellon (M Whitaker, GB). Mancusco (G Bilington, GB) and Ellon (M Whitaker, GB) 4. Speed Horse of the Year: 1, Shurlands Governor (Matthey 4) 151.04, 2, Isaure Vand de Helle (E Weuters, Bel) 51.49, 3, Elton (M Whitaker, GB), 51.93.

HUNSTANTON & ROYAL WEST NOR-FOLK GC: Gration Morrish Trophy; Second round: St. Bees by George Wesson's 2-1; Busy bt Bedford Modern 2-1, Cullord by Ourdle 24-16. Covertry bt Lancing 216-15. KCS Wirnbledon bt Dutwich 3-0. Solihul bt Felsted 2-1. Malvem bt Stowe 22-16. Covertry bt Lancing 216-15. KCS Wirnbledon bt Dutwich 3-0. Solihul bt Felsted 2-1. Malvem bt Stowe 22-16. Covertry bt Charterhouse bt Berkhamsted 28-16. Solihul bt Felsted 2-11. Malvem bt Stowe 24-16. Covertry bt Cultion bt Newmode Academy 2-1. Repron bt Amplishoth 2-1. Bury bt St Bees 2-1. Covertry bt Cultion 2-1. Solihul 2-11. Malvem bt Charterhouse 2-1. Fourth round: Cition bt Repton 2-1. Coverty bt Day 24-16. Malvem bt Charterhouse 2-1. Fourth round: Cition 2-1. Senge Heno's bt Forest 216-16. Malvem bt Charterhouse 2-1. Covertry bt Day 24-16. George Heno's bt Malvem 2-1. Final: Covertry bt George Heno's bt Forest 216-16. George Heno's bt Malvem 2-1. Final: Covertry bt George Heno's bt Forest 216-16. George Heno's bt Malvem 2-1. Final: Covertry bt George Heno's bt Forest 216-16. George Heno's bt Forest 21

Allam (SA) 73, 66, 56, 73 281; C Parry (Aus) 69, 57, 72, 84
SANBU, Japan: World Invitational: Leading final scores (Japan unless stated), 282; I Shickam 71, 71, 69, 71, 294; K Tischester (LS) 73, 70, 72, 69, 286; M Mura 74, 70, 72, 70, A O'Kamoto, 71, 71, 70, 74, 297; L Young-mae (S Kor) 72, 72, 71, 72, 74, 498; A O'shiro 73, 70, 73, 72, N Yoshikawa 73, 74, 68, 73; L Davies (GS) 70, 70, 74, 74, 298; M Helton 73, 70, 71, 75, 70; Y Motoyama 72, 76, 70, 71, NEW ROCHELLE, New York: LPGA Big Apple Classic: Leading final accores (US unless stated): 211; C Pierca (GB) 72, 67, 72, 216; T Barrelin 77, 72, 57; K Webb) Husi, 72, 71, 73, 217; M MGGeorge 75, 70, 72, 216; D Richard 74, 75, 69, A Fruhwith 74, 72, 72; D Papper 71, 71, 76; L Brower 73,

Abitbol (Sp) 78 72 78
THE WARRINGKSHIRE: Motor City Seniors' Classic: Leading limit scores (GB and Ire unless stated): 213: J Morgan 72. 68, 72, 215: R Vines (Aus), 75, 71, 69, 8
Hardwick (Cah) 71, 75, 69, T Horton 74, 71, 70, 216: N Colles 73, 77, 70, 7 Brizz (SA) 73, 71, 70, 716; N Colles 73, 77, 70, 7 Brizz (SA) 73, 70, 73, 718; N Gales 75, 77, 70, 71, 75, 218: F Abreu (Sp) 75, 75, 70, P Leonard 75, 65, 74, 219: D McCart 75, 73, 71, W Armstrong (US) 74, 73, 72, 24 Croce (E) 74, 72, 73, 24 McCrofts 74, 72, 73, 24 Senior (Sp) 73, 74, 73, R Batchille (Aus) 75, 71, 74, V Krajewski (US) 72, 70, 78

GYMNASTICS GUILDFORD: British Women's Champoniships: Seniors: 1. L. Mason (Hurkingdon): 37 225. 2. J. Modimer (Liverpool): 37 750. 3. G. Odf. (Heathrow): 36 492. Juniors: 1. N. Lucit. Swamsasi 37 100. 2. M. Wiscox (Easton): 36 350. 3. H. Murdoch (N. Ne): 38.825. Appearatus finals: Seniors: Vauld: 1. G. Odf. (Heathrow): 9.456. 2. L. Mason (Hurtingdon): 9.337. 3. M. Hobday (Bimmogham): 9.331. Bars: 1. G. Fuots (Harrow): 9.500. 2. R. Douglas (East. London): 9.350. 3. G. Cuff (Heathrow): 9.262. Basen: 1. S. Murray (Adeswood): 9.175. 2. E. Nicholson (Gerstang): 9.087. 3. Simtonic (Liverpool): 8812. Phoor. 1. L. Mason (Hurtingdon): 9.562. 2. J. Cox (Heathrow): 9.250; 3. E. Nicholson: (Garstang): 9.175. Juniors: Vauld: 1. E. Vidlams: (Liverpool): 9.357. 2. E. Moleod (Bath): 8.962. 2. M. Wilcox (Easton): 8.950, 3. T. Lake (Dynamor): 8.125. Beart: 1. E. Williams (Liverpool): 9.637. 2. M. Wilcox (Easton): 8.950, 3. T. Lake (Dynamor): 8.125. Beart: 1. E. Williams (Liverpool): 9.157. 2. E. Williams (Liverpool): 9.152. 3. M. Wilcox (Easton): 9.087. 3. H. Murcoch (N. Ire): 9.870 (Liverpool): 9.152. 3. M. Wilcox (Easton): 9.087. 3. H. Murcoch (N. Ire): 9.870 (Liverpool): 9.152. 3. M. Wilcox (Easton): 9.087. 9.0870 (Liverpool): 9.152. 3. M. Wilcox (Easton): 9.0870 (Liverpo

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BENSON AND HEDGES CUP: Quarter-final, second leg: Cardif 4 Notingham 4 (Notingham win after penalty shock-out) SUPERLEAGUE: Sheffed 4 Beang-

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RiO DE JANERIO: Brazalian Grand Prix: 500cc (24 legs. 118 393/m) 1, M Dootsin (Aus. Honda) 45/min56 650sec; Z A Crollia (Sp. Honda) 45/57 315, 3, N Abe (Japan, Yarraha) 46 02 052 4, C Checa (Sp. Honda) 46 09 870; S. A Barros (Br. Hon3a) 46/10.512 **REAL TENNIS**

NEWMARKET: Browning Cup: First round, R Gurn bt K Ludekens 6-1, 6-4, S Brokenshaw bt C Swallow 6-5, 6-3; h. Sheidon bt J. Tominson 6-3, 6-2, Second found: Gurn bt P Paterson 6-5, 6-0, 1 Ronaldson bt M Ryan 6-4, 6-3, N Wood bt Brokenshaw 6-5, 3-6, 6-3, D Jones bt O Michel 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, M Eagle bt A Oliver 6-2, 6-1; M Coghlan bt K Ning 6-3, 6-4, Sheidon bt J Dawes 6-5, 2-6, 6-5 Charten-finals: Gurn bt I Ronaldson 6-2, 6-3, B Ronaldson bt Wood 6-3, 5-6, 6-3, Eagle bt Jones 6-3, 2-6, 6-3, Coghlan bt Sheidon 6-1, 6-1 Sem-linel; Gurn bt B Ronaldson 6-1, 6-3

ROWING WALLINGFORD SCULLS: Single sculls: Men: Open: S Goodbrand (Roth Roy) and M Webb (Tideway Suders): 16:00 Senior one: M Dufty (Ony of Oxford) 16:53. Senior two: E Belsamy (loss): 16:35 Senior three: T Westering (Star and Arose): 16:39 Novice: W Wedsworth (Oxford University Lightweights): 17:09 Junior. T Westering (Star and Arose): 16:29 Novice: W Wedsworth (Oxford University Lightweights): 17:09 Junior. T Westering (Star and Arose): 16:24 Veteran: M Desertes (Vatingford): 16:54 Women: Open: C NecDougal-Smith (Thames Tradesman): 17:40 Senior two: A Taufen (Bryerston Butatos): 19:59 Senior strees: C Firk Henley): 20:22 Novice: L Burler-Sonie; Henley): 20:22 Novice: L Burler-Sonie; Henley): 20:22 Novice: L Burler-Sonie; Henley): 20:25 Outles sculls: Open: Wallingford 14:55 Novice: Abrogon 15:08 Junior: Hampton 14:29 (overall winner): Womens Junior: Reading Blue Cost: 19:23 Double Sculls: Open: Wallingford-Rob Roy 16: C: Senior thic: Tideway Scullers: 15:48 Junior: Hampton: 16:10. Womens Senior two: Girlfen: 18:13. Womens Junior: Reading Blue Cost: 20:42 R LIGRY I F A G I I F

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SINGAPORE: Men's tournament: Semi-firals: M Chang (US) bit G Rusenski (GS) - 6,6-3 J Stark (US) bit T Johansson (Swe) - 36,6-2,6-4. Firnat Stark to Cherry 6-4-6-4. MARBELLA. Spain: Men's tournament: Quarter-finals: A Comena (Sp) bit M Filipping (Uni) 7-5,6-1, M-K. Göhner (Ger) bit F Vicente (Sp) 7-5,6-1, F Mantida (Sp) bit C Rudd (Nor) 0-6,7-8,6-3,8 harbacher (Ger) bit M Gonz (Sp) 6-3,2-6,5-4 Semi-finals: Corrette bit Narbacher 6-4,6-4 Gölner bit Mantida 7-5,3-6-6,6-3 Final: College 5-6,1-6. LYONS: Men's tournament: Quarter-finals: A Boelsch (Fr) bit L Rour (Fr) 6-3,6-1, T Engyst (Swe) bit M Ros (Chiel) 6-3,2-6. T Herman (GB) 6-1,6-3 Boelsch bit Engyst 4-6,8-4,6-0 Final: haleinkow bit Boelsch 7-5,6-3,6-3. Herman (CD) 11, 6/3 Section to the Doeson 44, 6-4, 6-0 Final: It alternative for Boeson 7-5, 6-3, 6-3 MOWBRAY: LTA Reebok Tour: Mert Semi-finals: D Sapstord (Surrey) bit R Hanger (Dorsel) 6-2, 6-3. D keland (Lecestershre) bit J Mote (Fern) 6-1, 6-0 Final: Sapstord bit reliand 6-4, 6-0 Women: Semi-finals: K Cross (Devon) bit I Weatl (Odordshire) 6-4, 6-1, N Egorova (Russa) bit 7 Samara (Surrey) 6-3, 5-2 Final: Egorova bit Cross 5-7, 6-1, 6-4 NOTTINGHAM: Satellife tournament (GB unless stated), Men: Semi-finals: A Richardson bit CWishnson 7-6, 7-6, J Final: N Weel 1-6, 7-6, 7-6 Final: Richardson bit Fos 6-4, 6-1, Women: Final: S Finer (Swe) bit L Woodrobie 6-3, 6-2 LEIPZIG: Women's tournament: Quarterfinals: Serial (Ger) bit J Wiester (Austra) 1-6, 6-3, 6-2, A Huber (Ger) bit M Maleeva (Ebt) 6-4, 7-6 Semi-finals: I Magni (Cro) bit H Sukova (Cz) 7-5, 6-4, Huber wo Gral Final: Huber bit Majoli 5-7, 6-3, 6-1

GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD

FOOTBALL

J C Thompson Championship Shield Stevenage v Macdesfield (7.45) UNIBOND LEAGUE: Pramier division:
Hyde v Marme
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: Prist
division: Chelsee v Brighton (al.
Kingstoniers, 7.0), Queens Park Rangers v
Bristol Royers, (al. Harrow Borough, 7.0),
Swindon v Lutor (2.0): Totterfram v
Chartton (at St. Alberts). Charton (at St Albens).
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Stoke v Derby (7 0).
FA CUP: Second qualifying round: Second replays: Corby v Bitlencay, Hayes v Grays.
YOUTH CUP: First qualifying round: Carlisle v Hanlepool: Hillingdon Borough v Barnet. First qualifying round: replay: Hellen v Lincoln.

OTHER SPORT (213). SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Exeter v Bracford (7 30); Reading v London (7.30). Conference: League: Reading v East-bourne (9.0) TENNIS: :LTA salelide tournament (in Sheffield)

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FOOTBALL FOOTBALL
EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying group two: England v
Potand (at Molineux, 7.45) Group four:
Estona v Scotland (at Kadnerg Stadum,
Tallinn, 1.01.
NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division:
Huddersheld v Bimmogham (7.45). Second
division: Peterborough v Notic County.
Wretham v Strewsbury.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP:
Semi-linal: St Johnstone v Montrose (7.45). RUGBY UNION

ANGLO-WELSH CUP: Pool 1A: Leicester v Bridgend (7.45). OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: European Cup: Podgonca v London. ICE HOCKEY: European League: Luiea v Manchester RACING: Redcar (2.15); Warwick (2.0). SPEEDWAY: Premier Lasgue: Crediay Heath and Stoke v Poole (at Stoke, 7.45) TENNIS: LTA satellite koumamen; (in WEDNESDAY

FOOTBALL WORLD CUP: Qualifying group two: England v Potend (at Wernbiey, 8.0). Group four: Estons v Scotland (at Kachtong Stadium, Tailinn, 3.45). Group eight ireland v Macadonia.

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ANGLO-WELSH CUP: Pool 18: Harlequars v Carolif (7.15).
SRU UNDER-21 INTER-DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP: South of Scotland v Glasgow
(at Murray/feid, 8 of, Edinburgh v NorthyMid
Scotland (at Murray/feid, 7 30).
CLUB MATCHES: Cambridge University v
Wasps (7.15), London Insh v Loughborough Students (7 30).

OTHER SPORT

BASIGETBALL: Budweiser League: Crystal
Pelace v Monchester (8 0), Lecesser v
Worning (8.0); Sheffield v Chester (7 45).

RACING: Nottinghem (2 10), Towcester
(2 20); York (2 0).

SPEEDWAY: Speedway Star Cup: Final,
first leg: Wolverhampton v Peterborough (at
Long Eston. 7 45).
TENNIS: LTA satelite tournament (in
Sheffield). OTHER SPORT

THURSDAY RUGBY LEAGUE TOUR MATCH; Lion Red XIII v Great Smain XIII (at Carlaw Park, Auckland) OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser Laague: Leop-BASKETBALL: Buthweiser League: Leopards v Derby (7 0)
GOLF: Affred Dunint Cup (at St Andrews).
KE HOCKEY: Superleague: Newcastle v Cardit (7 30). Basingstoke v Nothingham (8 0)
RACING: Ludlow (2 20) Wincanton (2 10).
York (2 0)
SPEEDWAY: Individual: Bity Sanders International Trophy (at Ipswich, 7 30)
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FOOTBALL NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: Nowwich v lpswich (7 45) Second division: Bristol City v York (7 45) OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: London v Thames Valley (8 0).
BOXING: Commonwealth light-weiter-BOXING: Commonwealth light-weiter-weight champlonahip: Andy Holigan (Ivegnos) holder) v Feite Swels (Zam) (at the London Hillion) (SQLE: Alfred Durhal Cup (at St Andrews) (CE HOCKEY: European Cup: Shelfield v CIA Helo Josci (8 01 RACING: Ascol (2 0): Carlisle (1 50). Humingdon (2 10) SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Belle Yue v Josswich (7 30): Ordon v Reacting (7 30). Peterson (2 7 30): Coventy (7 30). Peterson (2 7 30). Peterson (2 7 30). Peterson (2 7 30): Description (2 10) Peterson (2 7 30): Peterson (2 7 30): Peterson (2 7 30). Peterson (2 7 30): Peterson (2 estimator (7 30): Orioid v Reading (7 30). Peperborough v Coventry (7 30). Peter-borough v Exeler (9 0). Conference Leeguet Arena Esses v Reading (8 0). TENNIS: LTA satelline tournamont (in Sheffield).

SATURDAY FOOTBALL FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Blackburn v Ansanal; Darby v Newcastle; Evanon v West Ham, Leeds v Norungham Forest, Leacester v Chelsea, Manchester Umrted v Liverpool
(11 15), Tottenham v Aston Villa, Wimbledon v Sherbeld Wednesday
(NATIONMIDE LEAGUE: First division:
Barnsley v Crystal Palace, Birmingham v
Braditoria, Botton v Olchem: Porismouth v
Charton, Queens Park Ramgers v
Mariothester City, Reading v Grimsby,
Sheffield Linited v Trammere, Swindon v
Ceford Umied, West Bromwich v Huddersfield, Second division: Blackpool v Gillingham Bournemouth v Wycombe, Crews v
Brentford, Milwell v Vicentifield, Notas
County v Bristol Rowers, Peterborough v
Bury, Rottenham v Burnley, Shrevsbury v
Liston; Stockport v Presunt, Walkall v
Plymouth, Wattord v Werdham Trilled divisions Brighson v Cambridge United; Caudiff v
Barnet, Colchester v Wigan, Einster v
Northampton: Fulham v Doncasier, Hartlepool v Darington, Leyton Onent v Hulf,
Mansfield v Swarnses, Roothdale v Caristia,
Scarbrough v Chester; Sounthorpe v
Lincoth, Torquey v Hereford.
VALICHALL CONFERENCE: Attracham v
Northwich: Donce V Farmborough, Geteshead v Morecambe, Kettering v Hedneslord,
Kidderminster v Rushden and Diamonds:
Macclesfield v Staybridge; Telford v Bart,
Welling v Hayes, Wolung v Stevenage
BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier
division: Aberdeen v Dunfermine, Celtic v
Montheweri: Dundee Linsted v Kilmannock,
Hobertaen v Rangers; Rath v Hearts, First
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Montinse v Caledonian Thistie, Ross County
v Albonn

RUGBY UNION
HEINSKEN CUP. Pool A: Bath v Edinburgh.
Portypindd v Benetion Treviso (2.30) Pool
B: Lanyell v Lensier (2.30): Pau v Scottish
Borders (4.0). Pool C: Brive v Neath (4.15).
Pool D: Munster v Millan (in Cork)
EUROPEAN CONFERENCE: Pool A: Agen
v Newport (7.0). Newbindge v Glasgow
(2.30). Sale v Clermoni-Ferrand Pool B:
Bridgand v Castres (2.30). Bristol v
Treorrby, Narbonne v Dynamo Bucharesi
(6.30). Pool C: Connacht v Padova (2.30).
Crell v Durvan, Pool D: Bourgoon v Begles
(2.0). Gloucester v Ebbw Vale, Swansea v
London Irish (2.30).
COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Blackheath v Coveniny, NotIngham v Rotherham, Richmond v London
Scottish, Rugby v Moseley, Wakefield v
Newcastle. Waterloo v Bedford. Trird
division: Cafton v Reading: Fylide v Otley.
Havgant v Liverpool SI Halens; London Welsh
v Harrogate, Lydney v Exister, Morley v
Rosslyn Park, Redruth v Wharledale, Walsall
v Ledts.
PLLINGTON CUP: Second round: RUGBY UNION

rossyn Park, redrum v Whalledale, Welsall v Leeds.
PILIGNGTON CUP: Second round: Asteans v Swanage and Wareham. Bernstaple v Plymouth: Bashon's Stortlord v Mel Potice, Bradington v Blaydon, Cheltenham v Worcester, Gloucester Ob v Newtoury, Haywards Heath v Brackneti, Manchester v Wiglon, New Brighton v Preston Grasshoppers. Nowech v Ester; Sanoal v Jymodale: Sheffield v Morcha, Statres v Henley; Weston-supe v Morcha; Statres v Henley; Weston-supe v Mercha; High Wycombe, Widnes v Birmingham/Solihull, Winnington Park v Aspatna.

OTHER SPORT BASKETBALL Budweiser Legue: Derby v Manchester (7:30), Hernel and Wattord v Worthing (7:30), Hernel and Wattord v Worthing (7:30) BOXING: World Boxing Council super-middleweight championship: Vincenco Mardello it, holdert v Robin Reid (Runcom) (in Milam). fin Milan).
GOLF: Afried Dunhill Cup (a) SI Andrews) / GOLF: Afried Dunhill Cup (a) SI Andrews) / GE HOCKEY: European Cup: Sheffield / Tiburg (7.0). Superleague: Newcastle v Brackneti (6.30), Nottingham v Cardiff (6.40): Basnigstok v Ayr (6.30), RACING: Ascot (2.0). Bengor (2.05), Herfram (2.20), Worcester (2.25), York (2.15)

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SPEEDWAY: Pramiter League: Covenity v
Poole (7 30): Cradley Heatin and Stoke v
Eveter (7.30): Swindon v Peterborough
(7 30): Conference League: Knock Out
Cup: First, second leg: Mildenhall v
Linkthgow (7 30). SUNDAY **FOOTBALL**

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Coventry v Southampton (4.0) NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: First division: Port Vale v Store (1.0). Southend v Wolver-hampton (1.0) OTHER SPORT BASKETBALL: Budweiser Laague: Chester v Leopards (8.0). Newcastle Leopards (7.0) GOLF: Alway Durchit Cup (at St Andrews) ICE HOCKEY: European Cup: Shelfield v Steau Bucharest (7.0) Superleague: Brackneti v Ayr (6.0); Cardell v Manchester (6.0)

Brackhelf v Ayr (6.0); Cardell v Manchester (6.0) MOTORCYCLING: British superbike champous; hip jot Dorington Park) MOTORS SPORT: Formula Three champois; hip fai Shierstone; SPEEDWAY: Premiler League: Eastbourne v Oxford (3.30). Scottish Monarchs v Poole is 30). Scottish Monarchs v Poole is 30). Conference League: Challenge: Nathart Gaymer Memorial Foura Trophy; Sittingbourne v Peterborough v Eastbourne v Reading (1.0).

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computers all over the world

t the stroke of midnight on December 31, 1999, there is a very real chance that many of the world's computers will assume that the year just starting is 1900. That may seem little more than a good joke at the expense of an industry that did not foresee that the computers and software it was producing in the 1960s and 1970s could still be

in use at the end of the century. Back then, when the power of even the cheapest of today's personal computers was unthinkable, there was a desperate need to be as terse as possible when giving computers their instructions. What better than to adopt the common shorthand of expressing the year as two characters rather than four? So. 1973 became 73 and the seeds of what some are calling Apocalypse 2000 were planted.

Computers use dates all the time - to calculate your age. for example. Left untreated, any computers and software could be crippling to business. A typical mid-sized company has 8,000 legacy (uncorrected) programs supporting its busi-ness applications, according to the consultants Coopers & Lybrand, That's 12 million lines of code. One out of every 50 lines has a date reference. One computer expert from a

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large German software company said: "I don't want to be in traffic, I don't want to be in an elevator in a tall building. I don't want to be anywhere computer-dependent on Janu-

ary 1. 2000.*

The world will not really be filled with the sound of crashing vehicles, lifts or even aircraft come the millennium. But many experts are concerned that in less life-threatening pursuits it will not be all right on the night. Even among those refusing to panic, who tend to describe the millennium bug merely as achieving Year 2000 compliance", there are worries.

Any companies not already devising plans on how to rework their computer systems to deal with the problem will, they argue, soon find that they have run out of time. And those who have re-programed their own systems perfectly may still have problems if the other companies they deal with electronically have not been so thorough.

The elaborate plans being formulated to combat the problem highlight its seriousness and scale. BT has formed the Millennium Survival Group along with other large British companies. BT's own measures, including an "emerency timetable" that will finish a planning phase by



March 1997, implement all the changes needed by the start of 1999 and give it a year to test the results. Meanwhile, DISC, the British Standards Institution department responsible for standardisation in IT, is

writing a code of practice which will define the phrase "millennium compliance".

Schemes such as BTs are unusual, according to a survey of 535 UK companies published in May by the Depart-

ment of Trade and Industry. the Central Computer and Telecommunications Agency, the Computing Services & Software Association and PA Consulting.

The survey found that while six out of ten companies expected their computer systems to be affected by the millennium bug before 2000. only 8 per cent had conducted a full audit to assess the extent to which their business-critical systems need correction. Only 15 per cent of senior managers seemed to be fully aware of it.

In America, one worried government official described it as "not a programming problem, but a management

here is little comfort to be found at a European level, either. Not pean information technology directors at a recent conference on the topic in Munich had a live project to tackle the

The European Commission is seen as equally passive. Martin Bangemann, the telecommunications and IT commissioner, acknowledged the problem only in June. Evan Grant, IBM's European Year 2000 manager, says: "If you haven't started solving the problem by 1997, you will run up against a brick wall".

whammy. Just as measures to sort out the millennium bug should be getting into full swing, the first stages of Economic and Monetary Union are scheduled to start.

If just two countries, then businesses throughout the world, opt to start using a single European currency and particularly within the EU, will have to adjust their computers to accept the new How far the millennium

crisis will turn into a mad scramble as it draws nearer with companies fighting to get hold of the relatively small pool of experienced staff who can help to cure the problem depends on who to whom you talk. Muddying the waters is the amount of cynicism over the fact that a lot of companies. including many seen as re-sponsible for the problem in the first place, stand to make

money out of solving it. But even if this is partially

argument over who is liable to pay, it is one that will have to be sorted out later.

get today's date

true, it does nothing to make the millennium crisis any less serious. Skilled practitioners to sort out the mess are already in short supply and companies should book now. If there is going to be an

to big trouble The mathematics, John Stevenson says, are easy; the solution is not

The basic mathematics of the millennium crisis are easy to understand. But to grasp the breadth of the problem requires a quick tour of the basic mechanics of a

computer program. There are many programming languages but all per-form the same function. In essence, they are highly structured versions of the English language — complete with their own nouns, verbs and

The programmer uses a language to write a set of instructions for the computer. These instructions (known as the source code) are translated (or compiled) into binary data electronic impulses for the

Within a computer program, logical tests and arithmetic calculations are performed on dates all the time. These are no different to

the tests and checks we all perform in our daily lives. For example, you probably use the date as an index when sorting lists of cash withdrawals, payments or invoices. Or might vou

check the current date against one printed on a credit card to see whether the card is valid. The comdifferent, ex-

cept that it performs a lot of these checks, all the time. Indeed, such tests are often the explicit purpose and function of the system.

For example, a programmer might write a piece of source code to print the appropriate expiry date on a tin of beans. Suppose each batch needs an expiry date which is four years hence. A simplified way of expressing this would be:

add 4 years print it

All of which works fine, so long as the year is expressed using the full four digits. For example, 1997 + 3 yields 2000: sensible, logical answer. However, many computer programs express year numbers using two digits. This could be because the programmer had a shortage of storage (disk) space on the computer.

THE NUMBERS

vention we all use on cheques and letters. Or perhaps his programming language only ever recognised the last two digits of the year.

Probably the most influential computer programming language for large scale commercial systems such as payroll, accounts and manufac turing has been Cobol (Common Business Operating Language). With the advent of a new century, in Cobol's original standard form, 97 + 3 could yield 00 or 10 or 100 or "ERROR" — or any one of a number of unpredictable

outcomes. If a company has had applications and systems written specially for it, it might be running business systems (payroll, invoicing, manufacturing, etc.) derived from say a million lines of programming code with ten words to a line. Many of these lines will contain two-digit year numbers. The problem is finding them

all. fixing them all and The problem testing them all. Has the is finding company still got the source all the code. Is so, can it be read? errors, fixing As a rough analogy: The them, then Times regulartesting them

equivalent of around 10,000 lines of text with six words to a line. So imagine searching 100 copies of The Times for every instance of the past tense of every verb — and replacing it with the current tense. Then testing and checking all the prose to ensure that none of it

has lost its readability. Not all business systems were written in the same programing languages throughout. Many were a hybrid of ancient and modern. So now imagine performing the same test on The Times — but in a mix of modern English, Chaucerian, Sanskrit and Norse. And being certain that you've made no mistakes, or someone

It is in the very nature of the problem that no one knows how each individual system will react. What is certain is that those organisations that do not try to assess their level of exposure well in advance could end up in a potentially explosive situation.

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any businesses are starting only now to focus on whether they have a 2000 problem and how to solve it. As they begin to realise the potential costs of achieving compliance, they may well try to recoup some or all of these costs from those who may have caused or contributed to their problem.

It is very important to bear in mind that resorting to legal action should be a last resort. Litigation is inherently expensive and its outcome uncertain. A software user may render a supplier or facilities manager contractually liable for ensuring that its system is 2000-compliant, only to find that the other party is bank-rupt when the system col-

Computer users, therefore, should sort out the problem in advance. But if they do not, whom can they sue?

The most obvious target would be the software house from which they acquired the software, typically by way of a licence. The chances of suing the software house successfully are likely to be affected by various factors:

If the software licence contains an express warranty that the software will be 2000compliant or will run without interruption at any time, this will work in the user's favour. Anyone entering such a software licence between now and 2000 should request such a warranty in appropriately worded terms. We have drafted a model 2000 compliance warranty and now insist on its insertion in any software licence negotiation when we are representing the user.

If the software licence is of a fixed duration, did it expire before or after 2000? In the former case, the licensee will have little ground for comSimon Halberstam spells out the legal options for software users

plaint if the software was not 2000-compliant. In the latter case, the software house may find it difficult to argue that

of the deal. If the licence is of unspeci-fied duration, the longer the period between the date of acquisition of the package and the year 2000, the more likely that the software house will be able to defend itself successful-

2000 compliance was not part

ly. This generalisation will probably be tempered certain industries, where 2000 should have been present in the thoughts of a software

house many years ago. For example, in the mortgage industry, a house commissioned to write software for a mortgage provider after 1975 should have had the

millennium

change in mind. If a user has jumped on the outsourcing bandwagon and appointed a facilities manager to run its data-processing and computer operations, is the facilities manager responsible for ensuring that the user's business is not interrupted by the century change? Again, this will be affected by various factors, including:

 Operational continuity guarantee: Did the facilities manager give the user an absolute guarantee of continuity

of operations at all times? Consultancy obligation: Did the FM agreement oblige the facilities manager to advise the user on any necessary

upgrades to its system?

• Service levels: Did the facilities manager guarantee the production of various operational results, such as payroll processing, by the same time

If the answer to any of these questions is yes, the facilines manager

may be liable if the system fails. When they computerise their operations, some users seek external advice on what software and hardware sys-

tems they should ac-quire. If the appointed consultant did not recommend that the systems should be 2000-compli-

ant, it may be liable for negligent advice. These third party consultants may range from one-man bands that are probably not worth suing, all the way to the consulting arms of some of the leading management consultancy and accountancy firms.

Companies should remem-ber that even if liability can be established in principle, they must be within the statutory time limits for making a claim. In contract you must bring a claim within six years, calculated from the date of the alleged breach of contract. If you bring a claim in tort for negligence, the six years remain, but time runs only from the date of the damage (although a contractual claim for software obtained more than six years ago may be a

different matter).

Also to be borne in mind are the different types of loss that might be suffered: • Direct loss: If a software program does not operate

accurately after the 2000

change, the cost of having it replaced would be a direct • Indirect loss: For example the cost of replacing a hard

going into a loop. • Consequential loss: Sometimes called economic loss, this might be the loss of profits

sustained by a business because software has malfunctioned.

" sually, there is not a problem in bringing a claim for such losses in contract, but there may be if you claim in negligence. As a general principle, the courts have been very reluctant to allow claims for "pure eco-nomic loss" in tort where there is no physical damage to property or injury to people. This could be a serious impediment if you are relying only on a claim in negligence.

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 The 2000 Compliance Database endorsed by the Government's Taskforce 2000, will provide information on which software products are 2000 compliant. It is due to appear on the web within a

few weeks at:

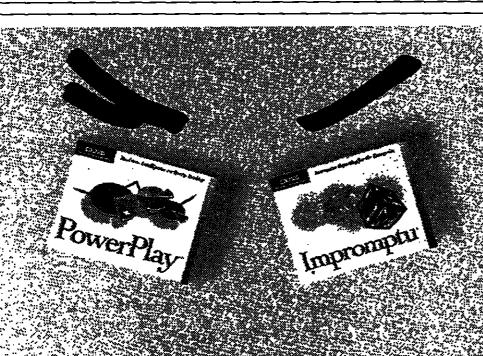


Don't shoot me, I'm the programmer

"LOOK at the historical context," urges Bob Holloway. A manager with ICL, Bob started his computing career over 25 years ago at Burroughs Machines, programming the sort of systems that are now the cause of so much

concern, John Stevenson writes. The first commercial system Bob worked on supported 20-30 users. It had, by modern standards, a laughably small amount of storage capacity. (About 80 megabytes of disk as opposed to 1200+ megabytes in a modern PC). And it cost three quarters of a million pounds. "Disk space was at a premium. If you could save space by

There was also the cultural question. Most of the computing projects of the era automated existing paper processes. As such they inherited the same conventions as their paper counterparts. Like virtually every memo or form that has been written before or since - they used a two digit date. "If I ask myself honestly - did we think about the implications of the year 2000? No. We never gave it a thought. No-one expected the systems we were programming to last more than 5-10 years. Decimalisation was the big topic of the era. It was enormous and it was affecting every type of system. In compari-





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David Rudnick tries

to pin down the outlay for millennium compliance

tainly be paying a sizeable bill to upgrade their computers for the next century, but there are staggering differences in the cost estimates. Most companies are cagey. although some quote figures evidently meant to reassure

investors and shareholders.

On the supply side, computer firms are putting "the frighteners on" with self-serving threats of apocalypse in 2000 if companies do not fork out a lot of money now to avert disaster. One senior figure at a leading UK building society said: There's an immense amount of hype about the year 2000: many consultants are using it to increase their income stream."

Whether shrewd or merely cynical, his comment reflects a widespread suspicion that computer service companies could be riding a profitable bandwagon. Adrian Stewart. marketing director at the merchant bank Kleinwort Benson. said: "Scare-mongering is helped by the lack of hard-cost estimates from individual companies. We'll have an accurate figure only when companies work out what it will cost them to become 2000compliant and we can aggregate figures. Now all we have are huge generalisations."

At the top end of the scale. Dr Howard Rubin, Professor of Computer Science at Hunter College in New York. estimates the global cost as high as £1,984 billion.

Nick Jones, a director at Gartner, the American-based IT research company, expects the \$1 cost of re-writing a line of computer code to double or at most treble by 2000. But he says that "the world doesn't have enough systems-integrating capacity to meet the crisis". Gartner puts the global cost at \$600 billion based on \$1.10 per executable line of code. Mr Jones says that this estimate is accepted by the European Commission, It seems to be a broadly recognised bench-



mark, though \$600 billion is described by Robin Guenier of Taskforce 2000 as "a flaky figure". But he agrees that the cost of checking computer code is rising fast.

Kleinwort Benson expects the cost of employing programers to double annually as they come into demand towards the end of the century. Both Kleinwort Benson and

Taskforce 2000 (the DTI-sponsored body charged with raising awareness of the issue) use Garmer's projections as a base to assess the cost to the UK economy of becoming 2000-compliant. Kleinwort Benson puts it at £20 billion,

Taskforce at £15 billion. "Costs are hard to predict until companies have audited their systems," Philip Wright. the technology adviser at the Confederation of British Industry, said. "We can't estimate the cost to our members because their IT systems vary enormously, but the older their system, the more expensive auditing and adapting

Mr Stewart says that recalcitrant companies could later be compromised in the eyes of auditors and creditors if they cannot guarantee that their systems have been passed as 2000-compliant. He expects the financial services sector to pick up the biggest tab.

Jerry Whitmarsh, NatWest Bank's millennium project director, believes the situation is

'We are not seeing companies putting new money in; they're delaying, cancelling or stealing from other budgets'

> under control. "We expect to pay something like £50 million to £60 million to adjust all our UK operations. But see it in perspective; our normal annual spend on IT research is £450 million to £500 million. so between now and 2000, only 3 per cent of our IT budget will be involved. That won't exactly bring NatWest to Big numbers need to be

treated with caution. Much of the projected cost will not be a net rise in spending but opportunity cost — other projects cancelled or deterred to make room for this one. Mr Jones adds, however, that opportunity cost is much more than notional for businesses engaged in sophisticated financial trading "running to stand still in a fast-changing world of technological inno-

Philip Oliver, IBM's specialist on Project 2000, accepts Gartner's \$600 billion global cost estimate but sees the bulk consist-ing of opportunity cost. "So far." he says. "we are not seeing

companies putting new money in: they re delaying, cancelling or stealing from other budgets instead."

He believes that the public sector - central and local government worldwide takes up as much as 40 per cent of Gartner's billions because its equipment is mostly more old-fashioned than that in the private sector. "Small companies, on the other hand,

are far less cost-exposed because they can buy packaged software off the shelf from

Outsourcing could still be an expensive option. As consultants are quick to point out, if companies delay adjustment too long, they may find the most reliable fixers are fully booked and they will have to pay high prices for secondraters. According to a report in Computing magazine, project managers are already charging £2,500 a day for advice, and this is likely to rise by 20 to 30 per cent a year.

existing suppliers."

n the up side, Project 2000 presents opportunity as well as cost. Spending on the enforced change may be offset through upgrading existing systems and buying more modern, productive equipment.

Nick Earnshaw, BT's director of networks and systems. says: "About 80 per cent of our computer code is affected, but we'll combine fixing it with new development for business change. The cost is substantial, but it cannot be isolated."

How much will it cost? Financial services in the firing line

o one is exempt from the millennium problem, says Robin Guenier, head of Taskforce 2000. "The financial industry, the engineering industry manufacturers that rely on just-in-time deliveries none of them.

And that includes the Government. The Department of Social Security has more than 200 mainframes and runs one of the largest civilian computer systems in Europe, distributing £90 billion of benefits to 30 million people. Mike Tyler, the department's Year 2000 project manager, says a recent in-vestigation has produced encouraging results. He says that the major systems have already been using a date system which is 2000-proof, so fewer than 10 per cent of programs should be affected.

The problem is that the only way to determine whether a program will be affected is to have all software tested.

When British Airways introduced relational databases in 1987, it brought in a date format to cope with 2000. Peter Blundell, the Year 2000 programme coordinator, says that the company has done a detailed evaluation and knows which systems have to be changed

and what changes are needed, but he would not give de-tails of the cost involved.

No airline would be able to offer a normal service around the critical

date if the air traffic control systems needed to be shut down. The National Air Traffic Service, part of the Civil Aviation Authority, has set up an assessment group and is talking to authorities on the Continent and America to prevent that from happening. It says, however, that there should be no operational problems as the computerised radar and communications systems work in real time and are not

date-dependent. BA, BT, the Post Office, and other large organ-isations which know that computers are central to their livelihood, are aware of the size of the problem and of THE SECTORS

Which firms

will be worst affected?

Graham Clayton

investigates

the need to get to grips with it, but many others may be surprised to discover just how many PCs or micro-

chips need replacing.

Most industry experts
agree that financial services, including banks, investment firms and pension companies, are being hit particularly hard. Quantifying the problem is difficult because some, perhaps worried about the impact of the cost on their share prices, do not want to comment in detail.

Davids Scott at Barclays says it is a major issue but that the bank will simply have to cope with the problent. The cost will come out of technology budget which is is about £950 million a vear.

The Royal Bank of Scot-

Many firms have not noticed that their building control systems are computerised

> land says that it is among those leading efforts to deal with the problem. Its preplanning is complete and the unspecified cost represents about 15 per cent of IT development spending expected to be necessary over three

The pensions software at M&G, an investment management company, is compliant, but all other programs will be checked line-by-line. Some financial institutions are simultaneously trying to prepare for European Monetary Union. Dave Allen, responsible

for millennium services at computer group Logica, has such a client and says that

cated than 2000. He also expects big problems in the manufacturing sector, where just-in-time deliveries mean that com-panies hold sufficient supplies for only one or two days. He says that it is possible that some small suppliers, which may not be able to afford to become compliant, won't tell the manufacturer and will even-

tually go into liquidation. The big supermarkets are already providing an indica-tion of the difficulties retailing will have to face. IT staff at Sainsbury's identified the problem as significant a year ago and received board approval to tackle it at the end of last year.

The senior manager responsible. Steve Burgess. says he is assuming that all the systems may have date-related problems and will need to be checked. He will not give an exact cost, but it will probably be between EIO million and £30 million. The company is writing to all its suppliers of goods and services because it fears some are not aware of the

Earlier this year, Microsoft pointed to driving licences, lift-inspection certificates, business licences, car

> payments that extend for five years. mortgages and government bonds as areas that might suffer in 2000. One other point of

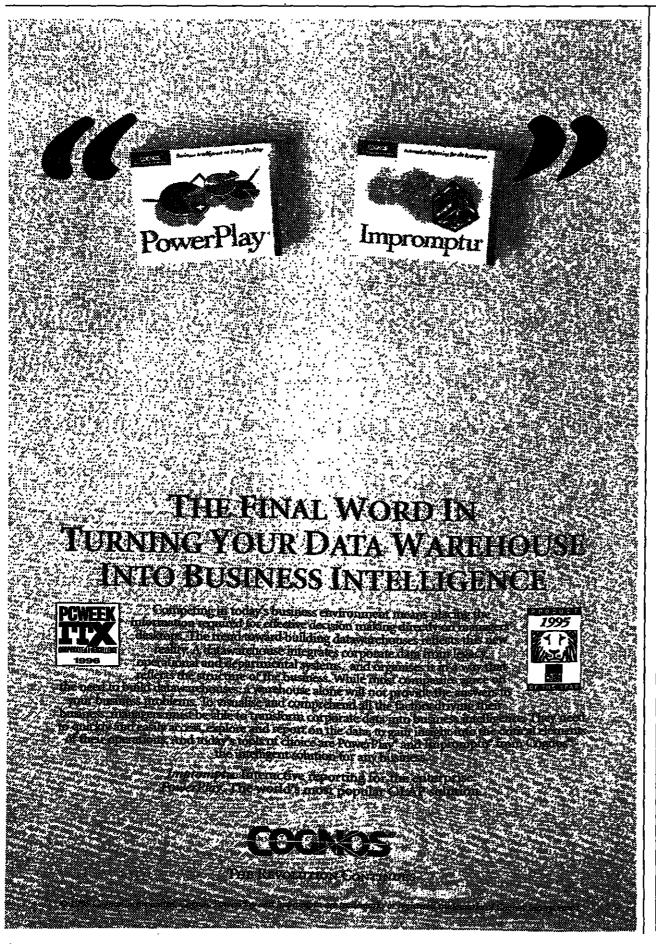
trouble unnonced by many companies is computerised building systems. Richard control Cooke, at Johnson Controls. estimates that fewer than 5 per cent of owners are aware that the controlling microchips are likely to have a date problem. These systems, which work in real time. looking after such things as

year change.
Mr Cooke's advice to facilities managers is to tackle the problem early. This could avoid the embarrassment of having a computer expert, who has come to sort out a year 2000 failure. locked out of the building by

a confused microchip.

access and temperature con-

trol, could be upset by the





The rocket

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The US Government is still in

shock, says Geof Wheelwright

US SURVEY

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sue, such as the Social

Security Administration

and the Department of De-

fense, are not close to com-

pleting the inventory and

solution stages of conver-sion," added Mr Horn

"According to the informa-tion received, only six agen-

cies have cost estimates on

the monetary resources

needed to solve the problem.

The total estimate for these

six agencies and their de-partments is \$298 million."

had not yet completed its

inventory of the computer

software code which needs

to be converted. The cost of

fixing the 358 million esti-mated lines of code could be

between \$1.02 and \$8.52 a

line. The cost of reviewing

and fixing defence systems

could therefore range be-

tween \$358 million and \$3

There are also special

considerations where

The Defense Department

t the end of April this year the US Federal Government's Year

2000 Survey was sent out to

24 major departments and

agencies. It made chilling

reading.
It was designed to yield a

status report of when and at

what expense agencies plan

to address the problem of

computer software that is

unable to recognize the year

"The Federal Govern-

ment's computer systems rely on accurate date fields,"

said Stephen Horn, chair-

man of the House of Repre-

sentatives subcommittee on

government management,

information and technol-

ogy, "to calculate age, trans-fer money and determine

maintenance schedules for

national security systems.

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missiles and satellites are concerned - many of which have their own onboard "firmware". Changing this software could mean the physical replacement of chips that currently sit inside the missiles that contain the non-compliant "century-challenged" code. Not even Nasa had pre-

pared a plan to solve the problem, said Horn, Nasa did not expect to have a plan completed until March 1997, leaving less than a year to take stock and fix its systems.

● A summary of the survey can be found on a Year 2000 information centre on the Internet at http://www.year2000.com/.

This has become an invaluable resource for many who want online help to plan their year 2000 solutions. It was set up by Peter de Joger, a Canadian software guru, and the Tenagra Corporation, based in Texas.

Beginning early is the best policy

QUICK START

hile many com-panies are hegin-ning to sweat as the millennium bomb ticks away. Chubb, the American insurance giant based at Warren. New Jersey, is radiating an air of confidence. The secret was spotting the problem early and moving quickly.

Late in 1994 the company's computer experts realised the seriousness of the year 2000 date change. They spent six months exploring the prob-lem so they could go to the board with a full assessment of the impact. That meeting in mid-1995, says John Jung, the vice-president responsible. was short. The board grasped the issue immediately."

One of the advantages the company has is that despite its size, which makes it about number five globally, all its systems are at a single data centre. In all, about 150 systems will need to be made compliant and by the end of this year. 35 or 40 will have been completed. The aim is to have all the work finished early in 1998. leaving a full year for final testing.

To handle the work, the company set up a Year 2000 project office. This has ten full-time senior Chubb staff and 45 to 50 consultants. About 15 more will join this year. Computer Horizons Corps, with its Signature 2000 process (distributed in Britain by Delphi) is the "solution provider.

r Jung says: The cost is a big number , and we are not talking about it." He will go so far as to say that it is multiplemillions, adding that this will not knock a hole in the company's profits; but some development work will be delayed.

He says: "The project is not a huge technical challenge as much as it is a huge manage-ment challenge. Our biggest surprise was that something so simple could-take so long. The lesson for others is that it is important to start early."

Crisis? What crisis?

Far too many business people are still deaf to the

ticking, says **Graham Clayton**

nyone who watched the television series Danger UXB will what it is like to defuse a bomb. Once the device has been found, it helps to know every detail about it before attempting to make it harmless.

The millennium bomb is similar, except that there are tens of millions of computers all over the world ticking their way to the year 2000 and many of their owners have no idea that a problem exists. When the millennium does come, or in some cases much earlier, things will start to go

badly wrong. Many computer experts have been aware of this for years. Some programers who, ten or 20 years ago were writing software that stored the date as two digits, may now have become senior members of IT departments which are just beginning to wrestle with the consequences.

Gradually people outside the computing industry have began to realise the serious-ness of the situation. lan Taylor, the Minister for Science and Technology, became worried when those with whom he raised it either seemed totally ignorant or said it was not serious. It soon became clear to him that the matter was indeed serious.

This is a very stupid prob-lem; a very stupid failure, but it is cumulatively massive. I spoke to the chief executive of one of our largest companies. who said it was only at the third attempt that he got a full version of the potential dam-



ge from his internal experts. As a result of this, the company set aside £50 million to deal with the problem.

At the Minister's invitation. the CBI and the Computing Services and Software Association set up Taskforce 2000 to alert British businesses and to help them to cope. At its head is Robin Guenier, former chief executive of the Government's Central Computer and Telecommunications Agency.

He says that many big companies have programes in hand. "But companies of the 500-employee, E50-millionturnover size, have a very limited understanding of the problem; in very small companies, understanding is even more limited.

Mr Guenier places most of the blame on the heads of IT departments who, he thinks, are generally neither good managers nor good communicators. With irritation, he quotes the figures: only 70 per cent of IT managers are fully aware of the problem, only 76 per cent of those consider it to be serious, and only 8 per cent have done a full audit.

n his view, the key problem is that IT people are not managers and managers do not understand IT people because of technophobia. "So there is a gap between the two and when people are not working together, things go wrong," he says.

A recent survey of IT projects, by Professor Chris Clegg at the University of Sheffield, suggests why IT is often held in low regard: 80 per cent of systems are late and over budget; 40 per cent fail or are abandoned; and only 10 to 15 per cent meet all their success criteria. This is deeply depressing when IT departments should be setting out on one of the most important projects ever undertaken - with a year 2000 deadline

that is not negotiable. Already the momentum is increasing but the supply of

testers and project managers is limited. Dr Margaret Joachim, UK Year 2000 coordinator at the computer group EDS, thinks there are inadequate resources overall to meet everybody's needs. Mr Guenier is optimistic that the job can be done on

time if it is given top priority. and approached in a businesslike way. But he is still worried.

"Every time I talk to a company that is getting on with it, without exception they tell me it is bigger than they thought." he says. "The only people who think it will not be too bad are

Blind date holds no terror for the millennium-buster puter for the date and invited

ROBIN Guenier, executive di-Graham Clayton encounters Taskforce 2000's director

rector of Taskforce 2000, is anxious to make clear that it is not just factory and office mainframes that will be in trouble as 2000 approaches so could PCs, including those in the home. And, as someone accustomed to influencing GRAHAM CLAYTON | government ministers and look at your computer," he

chief executives, he believes in the personal demonstration. A dapper figure who combines authority and enthusiasm, he came to my home to be interviewed. "Let's have a

suggested when we'd finished. was nervous, but he had, after all, spent some time as chief executive of the Government's Central Computer and Telecommunications Agency.

night on December 31 1999. then switch it off."

We waited for six minutes. It started up normally. Then, with the style of a practised "What we'll do," he said, "is performer, he asked the com- ally, he's not that your

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2000 — a date oddity...

Riots in the streets, blood bank stores stalled, cruise missiles going astray ... arma-geddon is just around the corner, if you believe some

Talk to some businessmen and the opposite pic-ture emerges. The 2000 timebomb? A damp squib in fact, a trumped-up scam.

Where does the truth lie? It has certainly proved diffi-cult, for example, to find the three major airlines which are often reported to be preparing to ground their fleets as the clocks tick round to January 1, 2000. The Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) system, used to direct cruise missiles to their targets and supertankers into harbours, will be fixed in time. It seems unlikely that there will be food rioting if supermarket tills fail to operate. But

toppled? Massimo Spalla, an associate partner with Andersen Consulting working in the south of France, doubts it. "It is a tough problem, but not so dramatic as it is perceived," he says, "I don't believe that companies will stop, but we will see them forced to do a lot of work to correct it, and that will slow

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Microsoft, in its submission to the House of Representatives, does not dismiss dangers. "Different types of complex systems like vehicles, manufacturing machinery, chemical

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compounds and even government or business organizations may have individual components which operate correctly according to their target specifications but may not function correctly as a system when connected with many other components".

David Ayling-Smith, ser-vices director of Cognos, the software solution company. is convinced by the threat. He has a list of "seven deadly millennium myths: • It's a simple technical problem — just expand the date fields.

 All I need to do is change my dictionary default century to 20.

 We've got plenty of time. All our systems will be replaced by 2000. • We don't have the prob-

lem, all our applications are Someone will invent a 100

per cent automated solution. Outsourcing our conversion effort will solve the

problem. Not one of these statements is true, say Mr Ayling-Smith, and he can

Meanwhile the word is that Nebraska is fixing its own software by levying a two-cent tax on cigarettes. Mr Clarke, take note.

PETER BROWN

Solutions take a little longer

All methods of

defusing the

2000 bomb will take time,

> says John Stevenson

he so-called year 2000 bug is as much about how different departments or business units interact as it is about bits

and bytes.

If you apply for a loan, the department that processes loan applications will probably check with a mortgage. payment department to ascertain whether you pay on time. It may also send a message to an insurance department to draw up an income-protection insurance policy. It will certainly communicate with a credit-checking system owned and operated by a separate independent company, to get a

credit rating.

Nearly all of this will be done automatically - the different computer systems talking one to another. So any analysis of a business needs to start with an understanding of how the components interact.

All of this helps to explain the rash of consultancies offering to analyse and address year 2000 problems. Each has its own technical panacea but the overall plan is vital: it will highlight those elements of the computer systems that must be addressed now and those that can be deferred. There are three types of

solution to what is, in essence, a gigantic project manage-ment exercise with a fixed completion date:

 Method I: A company can recruit experts to sift through all the source code, manually checking each system and fixing the problems. "Managing such a project 'in-house' benefits the organisation in so

far as it retains control and authority", explains Peter Sibson, business development manager with Olympic Management Services. "It will help the organisation to understand their systems better. It may also help them to anticipate and deal with a future crisis (like the ramifications of

This method, however, assumes that the relevant expertise can be readily recruited. Unfortunately, it is not "Experts in 25-year-old programming languages are rare and getting rarer. There are also very expensive.In fact the better they are, the greater the likelihood they have already

Weller, business development director with the Year 2000 specialists Chase Software So-

• Method 2: Give the problem to someone else. Hand over all the source code and an explanation of the business dynamics to the consultants.

Make them responsible for delivering a finished set of

With this approach, the organisation should solve the problem. The consultants pro-bably have access to all the best programmers. Perhaps they are able to sub-contract all the work to the Pacific Rim or Indian sub-continent. where excellent programmers. can be hired at a fraction of the cost of their Western

counterparts.

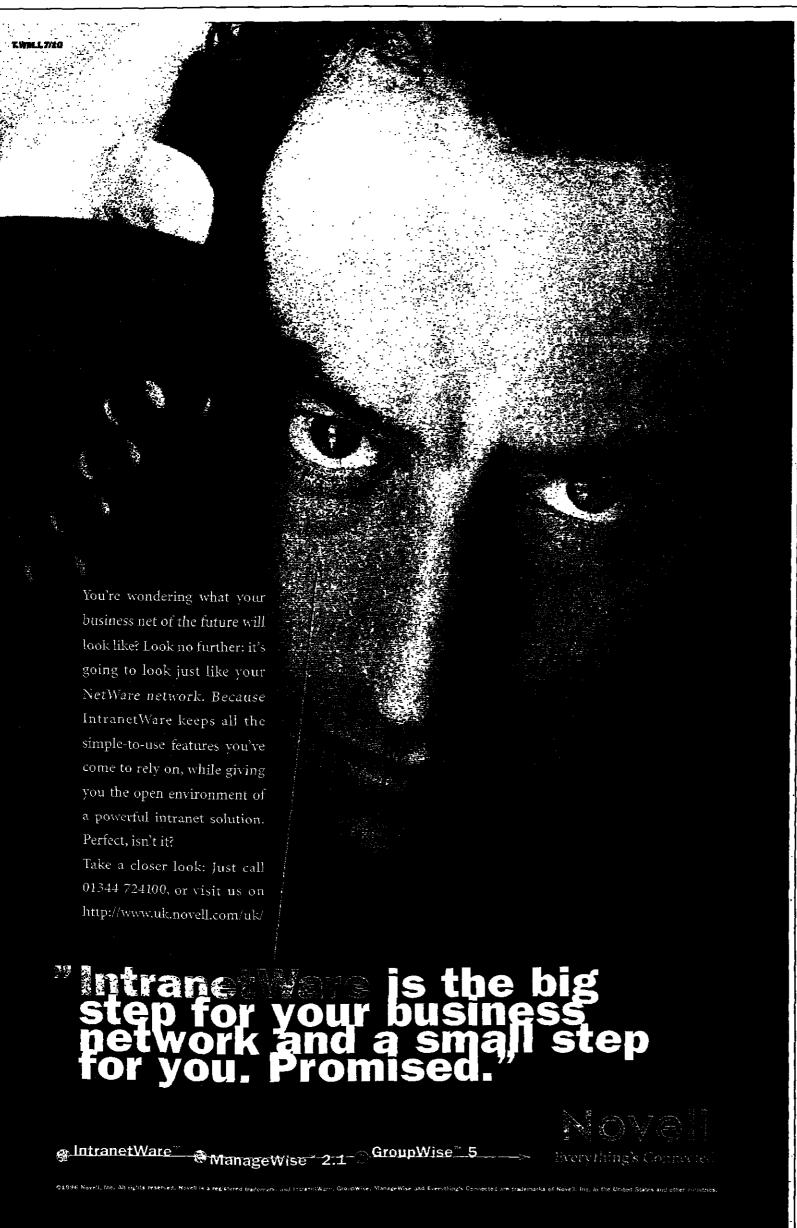
The downside is that the the organisation itself has lost control. It understands neither the problem nor the solution. ● Method 3: Use a set of software tools or programs to fix the problems. Automate the process. After all, automating, dull, repetitive, labour intensive tasks is what computers were invented for - why should this be any different? Machine, heal thyself.

The hitch is that understanding source code may be dull; but it is not wholly repetitive. Each programmer writes in a different style. using and expressing dates in a range of different ways. So before software tools can solve the problem, they have to be "taught" the writing style of the individual programmer(s).

"It can take a skilled program analyst two or three months to teach a software tool the rules it needs to fix a specific system," says Mr Wel-

ler. Once this process is complete, the tool will probably fix the vast majority of oblems in a matter of hours. Then the iterative process of fixing the outstanding problems begins."

All of which means that this approach suits organisations with large amounts of source



Smaller does not mean better

illions of people all over the world will L turn their IBM compatible PCs off at the end of this century and turn them back on in the next, only to find they've lost 20 years of their lives. Their computers will have reverted to January 4, 1980, the birthdate of DOS.

Test your PC. If it's a fairly new model, it is likely to click over quite happily to January 1 2000. This may not help. The dawn of the millennium could easily damage time-dependent software like e-mail, accountancy and database packages.

been on the danger to main-

ing on the desktop. Microsoft, manufacturer of Windows, the operating system installed on more than 80 million personal computers. worldwide, has also admitted that there is a problem with the year 2000 and versions 3.1 and 3.11 of its programme.

"Microsoft Windows File Manager displays an incorrect date if the file is created with a date of 01-01-2000 or later.' the company says. Microsoft has con-

firmed this to be a problem in File Manager version 3.1. We are researching this problem and will post new information ... as it becomes

available." Other versions of its Windows operating sytem won't suffer any problems, Microsoft insists. By virtue of its initial design, the Windows NT platform will not have the same sort of trouble experienced by older mainframe applications ... the Windows NT platform is 'aware' of many centuries into the

Other programmes which hold time-critical data such as the database programme HEPC

Microsoft SQL Server, Microsoft Access and Microsoft can also cope with the changeover to the new century. However, underlying even

the Microsoft applications in each IBM-compatible is the BIOS - basic input-out-out system. And it is this which will produce the wrong date. Apple, however, says that

every single computer it has built since it began in 1984 will handle the year 2000 correctly. and will go on handling the Though media attention has date correctly until at least the

year 2040, when computers may run out of dates.



Guenier (left) and de Jager, both out to make PC-users aware that their machines could be just as vulnerable as a mainframe

The latest Apples can cope with dates from 30.081 BC to 29,940 AD, together with support for the Arabic astronomical and civic lunar calendars. the Jewish calendar and the

Iranian national calendar. There are, however, many makes of PCs on the market. They could all go wrong. Robin Guenier, executive director of Taskforce 2000, is particularly concerned that PC owners should be aware that the 2000 bug is not confined to

mainframes. Chief among the 2000 "evangelists" is Peter de Jager. author of the Year 2000 pages on the Internet. "Based upon

predictions of people involved in the Year 2000 problem. upwards of 80 per cent of existing PCs are unreliable." he says. On Jan 1st 2000, more than 80 million PCs will think the Berlin wall is still standing and that Trudeau is still the Prick Minister of

Canada. "All your applications spreadsheets, accounting packages, day-timers, E-mail systems, even backup cycles will be at risk a few years from now, unless you solve the problem.*

Users have a number of potential solutions, he says, but none of them are really acceptable. "(You could) re-

place all your computers. A few letters to vendors explaining how you re a tad

appropriate." You could apply a kludge [makeshift repair| to your operating system - have it read 1980 from the BIOS and add 20 years. The trouble is. each PC fails differsure all your PCs have been fixed, and remain fixed, will be · logistical

nightmare." Another option many are more likely to opt for is to

simply do nothing. because "You'll probably be in a different job; someone else will fix it; it can't be as bad as I make out etc."

Initially, he says, he thought his 80 per cent assessment of affected PCs was too high. but a further survey in Canada failed 97 per cent of tested PCs.

"Now," he continues, "ask yourself the question: If the manufacturers of PCs could make this type of error, what leads you to believe your accounting software is safe and will handle the Year 2000 correctly?

CHRIS WARD

GHEAT MIST MES

COMPANIES converting their codes should be careful how they do it. Sanjay Kumar, President of the software giant Computer Associates, tells the tale of the corporate customer that did all its conversion work, then brought in some employees to test it over the weekend when the system was not in use, Geof Wheelwright writes.

The company "rolled forward" the clock on its main computer and checked that all date-based calculations and applications worked correctly when the date was set to January I, 2000. Satisfied, the employees then rolled the clock back to 1996 and went home for the

rest of the weekend. On Monday, they discovered that some of their back-up data files for recent work had been wiped out.

The reason was simple: The automatic data backup system used by the company was designed to conserve storage space by erasing data more than two years old. The backup system had been "fooled" into thinking that there was lots of data on the system that had not been used for more than three years. It erased the lot.

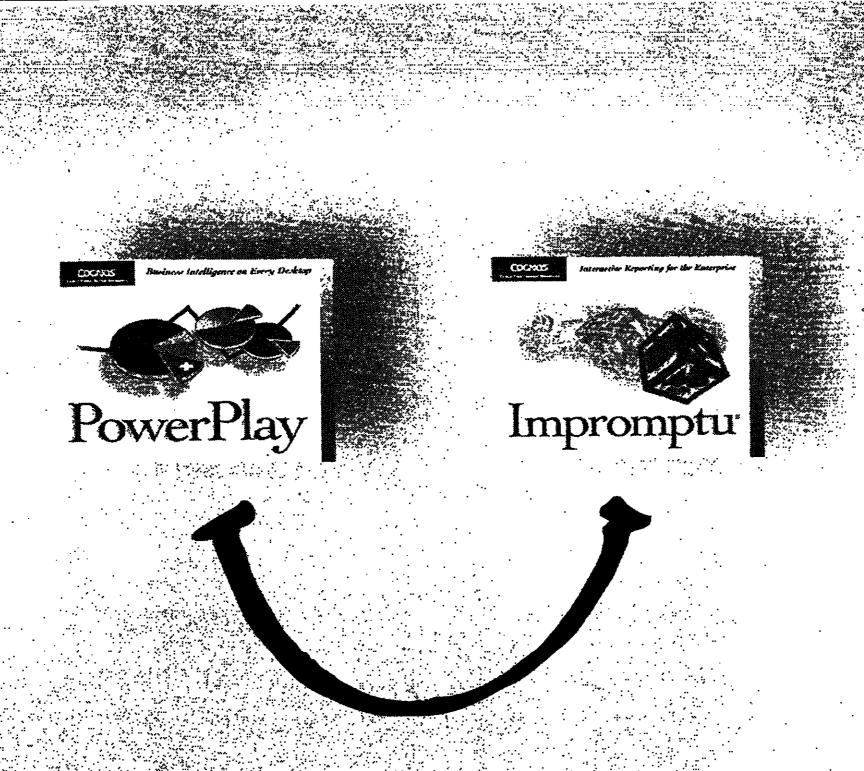
Another company had a system designed to delete passwords and network identifications if they were not used for 18 months. The result for its employeers on the Monday morning was predictable.

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fimmediate help: The Computing Services and Suppliers Association has a Web site with details of year specialists and products links to related sites:

http://www.cssa.co.uk/ cssa/new/millen.htm

Two conferences are planned: the first is at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, in London on October 18. Speakers in clude the Science and Technology Minister Ian Taylor. Contact: 0118 979 5888. The second, the Year 2000 Con-lerence, is at the Ramada Hotel, Heathrow, October 23-25, Speakers include independent consultant Peter de Jager. Contact: 0181-466



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ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Output rise expected

The first key British statistics of the week are today's figures for industrial production and manufacturing in August. The median market expectation, according to MMS International is for a rise of 0.3 per cent in industrial production. giving a year-on-year growth rate of 0.8 per cent. Manufacturing output is expected to have risen 0.4 per cent, which would still leave output 0.2 per cent lower than the same month a year ago.

Tomorrow, the markets will start watching the Conservative Party conference in Bournemouth with interest. On Wednesday, Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, addresses the conference, a speech that will be watched closely for any further insights into his budget thinking or European policy. Also on that day, the minutes of the monetary meeting of September 4 are released; these will be scrutinised to see whether the Bank of England's preference for higher interest rates has hardened into a formal recommendation. Wednesday also sees publication of the September distributive trades survey from the Confederation of British Industry.

On Thursday, September's retail prices figures are released. The two main measures of inflation are expected to be unchanged from August's levels, with headline inflation at 2.1 per cent and underlying inflation at 2.8 per cent. RPIY, the measure that excludes mortgage interest payments and indirect taxes, is predicted to fail to 2.3 per cent from 2.4 per cent.

There are no British statistics of note on Friday, but a key batch of American statistics, in particular retail sales and producer prices. The markets, buoyed at the end of last week by a far weaker than expected employment report for September, are eager for every American statistic to inform the debate about the extent to which the economy is slowing down spontaneously and therefore precluding the need for higher US interest rates.

JANET BUSH





LucasVarity ready to flatter

LUCASVARITY: Half-year ures tomorrow will be the last reported by the group in its premerger form. As a result, they will have little meaning when it

comes to assessing prospects. Even so, the figures should make impressive reading, with pre-tax profits recovering from E39 million to £185 million. NatWest Securities, the broker, says results from the automotive division should show all parts of the business moving in the right direction, although there is still concern about the French auto-motive market. The City will also be looking for evidence of recovery in the depressed aerospace division, which the group has been looking to dispose of. Earn-ings per share will have grown from 9.5p to 12.3p, but the dividend is likely to be held at 7p.

COBHAM: There may be scope for celebration when Cobham unveils half-year figures this morning. Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker, expects pre-tax profits to grow by almost 40 per cent, from £14.1 million to £19.5 million. The group's performance should be bolstered by a first-time contribution from Westwind where initial results have been consistent with the 20 per cent per annum compound growth target in the long-term management incentive scheme,

Henderson say. In the meantime, Cobham has benefited from the increase in both Boeing and Airbus Industrie production schedules. There has also been a pick-up in export deliveries of military aircraft such as the Tornado, Hawk and



Alex Ferguson, club manager: on-field results score better

Harrier, from which the group should be able to benefit.

MANCHESTER UNITED: The group's financial performance this time round is unlikely to match its performance on the field when it unveils half-year figures tomorrow. Brokers are looking at a small downturn in profits at the pre-tax level, from £16.3 million to £13.6 million. Shareholders are expected to be rewarded with an increase from 4.5p to 4.85p in the half-year

payout. The setback is almost exclusively attributable to con-struction of the new main stand. which reduced capacity at Old Trafford by around 30,000.

The dramatic increase in revenue should enable the group to reach profits of £23.3 million for the full year, boosted by a guaranteed £5 million from the European Champions Cup.

SKYPHARMA: Half-year figures from the pharmaceutical group on Thursday are likely to be of little relevance. They are expected to reveal a further loss and will contain the remaining three months of operations of the original "sheil" company. Black & Edgington, before it was sold. Skypharma is now the vehicle of Ian Gowrie Smith, former head of Medeva, and brokers will be anxious to see whether the group lives up to predictions.

Last year SkyPharma reduced its losses to £300,000 but faces an uphill climb before moving back into the black sometime in 1998. The company's broker, SBC Warburg, is forecasting a pre-tax loss for 1996 of £10 million, with the deficit growing to £12.7 million next year. Even after it moves into the black it is unlikely shareholders will get a return.

AUSTIN REED: Half-year figures on Wednesday are likely to show another retailer on the recovery track. Pre-tax profits are expected to have grown by £500,000, to £1.9 million, with earnings per share 1p better at 4p. The recovery will have been assisted by a strong showing in women's wear and an improvement in manufacturing profits. At the annual meeting, the group reported sales up 10 per cent with margins also improving. The dividend is likely to be held at 2p.

COUNTRY CASUALS: A reduced first-half loss is on the cards when the group reports on Wednesday, with analysts looking for a deficit of £600,000 (£1.5 million). The earnings per share deficit is likely to be cut from 7.90 to 3p and there may be a 4p increase in the dividend to 1.48p.

JKX Oil & Gas, Morgan Grenfell Latin American, SkyPharma, Toye & Co, Tudor, United Industries. Finals: China Investment & Development, Cradley Group Holdings, John Maunders. Economics: UK retail prices

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Interims: Alpha Airports, Wensum Finals: none scheduled.

Economics: CBI distributive trades survey; US September pro-ducer prices; US September retail

Clarke's reasons to be miserable

t must be galling for the Chancellor. The laggard L performance of the gilt market over the past few weeks sums up Kenneth Clarke's frustration over the Government's reluctance to sign up for Euro-

pean Monetary Union (EMU). While other European bond markets have been swept along by "Euro-phoria" over confi-dence in the launch of EMU, gilts have risen only modestly. Worse still for Mr Clarke, even those gains coincided with proean noises from last

week's Labour conference. What makes this especially hard for Mr Clarke to take is that he has helped to mangeuvre the UK economy into being better placed than most to meet EMU entry criteria.

Adding to his agony is the thought that the stubbornlyhigh yield gap between gilts and German bunds encapsulates the markets' mistrust of the Government's — and his — promises. Sadly, the refuetance to sign up for EMU raises market doubts about his willingness to stick to monetary and fiscal virtue.

GILT-EDGED The gilt mar-

ket's battlehardened cynicism is shown by its wariness towards Mr Clarke's decision to reject Bank of England advice to raise interest rates. With an election looming, any decision not to raise rates, let alone to cut them further, is likely to be seen as "politically motivated". In the US, with a presidential election only weeks off, the Federal Reserve has faced accusations of political bias after deciding not to raise rates.

Such accusations obscure a new debate in economics. One view is that economic growth in the US and the UK is unsustainably strong and will lead to higher inflation unless interest rates are raised soon. This reflects the early 1990s obsession with "resource utilisation" as the key to the inflation process. It argued that if unemployment is allowed to fall too far, wage inflation will come under upward pressure, leading to high-

er consumer price inflation. Yet the experience of the current upswing has cast doubt on the view that there is a mechanical link between re-

As the Bank of England has found, forecasts using that approach have systematically overpredicted actual inflation.

The opposing view is that a number of structural forces have together held down inflation, changing its relationship with economic growth. Increasing global competition, new technology, privatisation, lab-our market liberalisation and the experience of low inflation itself have combined to dampen the impact of stronger economic activity on inflation.

For those reasons, Mr Clarke is likely to continue to have the better of the argument with the Bank. Although higher oil prices may put upward pressure on inflation in the next few months, it should fall back next year. However, with the economy set to accelerate, the old school, with its "Inflation is around the corner" refrain, is likely to stay vocal.

The sad fact is that Mr Clarke's pledge of anti-inflation vigilance cuts little ice in the markets without a commitment to join EMU. Al-

though the reality of EMU may disappoint, the markets see it as a chance to gain from 30-odd vears of inflation credibility built by the Bundesbank.

Mistrust of the Government's intentions applies also to fiscal policy. Mr Clarke's pledges of budgetary prudence have failed to end talk of preelection tax-cut "bribes". Across the Channel, budget cuts in France, Belgium, Spain and Italy based on "creative accounting" are treated almost as a triumph. The difference is that the latter are seen not as politically self-serving but as paving the way to the virtuous goal of EMU. The end, it

seems, justifies the means. No doubt the Euro-sceptics at this week's Conservative conference would disagree. The gilt market, they might argue, would be well placed to benefit if EMU ended in tears. However, for the moment, it is the Chancellor who will be crying into his beer.

> MARK CLIFFE HSBC Markets

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: Buy Grampian, Chiroscience, Moss Bros; Sell Lucas-Varity. The Sunday Telegraph: Buy Allied Leisure, Zeneca, TLS, Thorn, Silentnight Holdings. The Observer: Buy South West Water: Sell Cairn Energy. Independent on Sunday: Buy Queensborough Holdings, Singer & Friedlander, Monument Oil & Gas: Sell Unilever. The Mail on Sunday: Buy Gearhouse, Folkes, Jordec.

TODAY Interims: Arcadian International,

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TOMORROW

Interims: Capital & Regional Properties, HTR Income & Growth,

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RESULTS AND STATISTICS

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Mercury may sell phones in supermarkets

By Eric Reguly

MERCURY One-2-One, the mobile phone network, is exmobile phones in non-traditional outlets such as supermarkets in an effort to make buying the service easier and less intimidating.

Jan Peters, the new managing director of One-2-One, said the method has been introduced successfully in America by US West, the regional phone company that employed her until the early summer, and stands a good chance of working in Britain. US West owns half of One-2-One, the fourth-largest mobile shone network: Cable and

Wireless owns the rest. US West sells "shrinkwrapped" mobile phones in supermarkets and drug tores. The phones tend to be fairly inexpensive and less sophisticated than those used by business people, and connecting to the network is as easy as making the purchase.

Buyers simply call a toll-free number when they get home and arrange billing through a credit card.

tive Investment Market last

week, sending the FT-SE AIM index down 23.6 points to 1,002.7 — only slightly

US West found that consumers who bought the service through supermarkets tended to generate less revenue. But the lower income was offset by lower support costs because the dealer network

was avoided. In Britain, going into supermarkets, chemists and depart-ment stores would greatly expand any mobile phone company's sales potential while providing an alternative to shoppers who feel uncomfortable in the high-pressure sales atmosphere of mobile phone shops.

One-2-One launched "phone-in-a-box" sales in Homebase, the DIY outlet, and has been talking to other retailers. Ms Peters would not say where the phones might appear next. "Stay tuned." she said.

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news from its Bolivian explo-ration well, nosediving from of its Sega World develop-120p to 372p. Shares of fered after disappointing Trocadero continued their a further Sp to 51p. The fall of

ment, closing the week down

the giants has not affected new issues. The Personal Number Company, whose 66p placement price fell at the

lower end of its expectations, was given the last laugh. reaching 103½p, before settling at 9612 p. Memory Corp. which repairs microchips. gained 9p to 55 ap.

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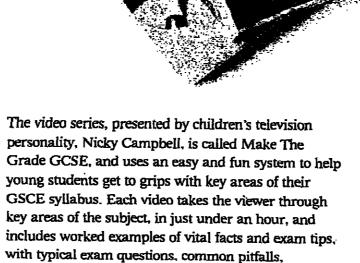












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CHANGING TIMES

Labour looks at EU policy

BY PHILLIP BASSETT. INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

LABOUR is considering proposals which will make clear to business the basis on which it intends to participate in decisions on future European social legislation.

Business and the Government are bracing themselves for a decision by the European Court on the UK's objection to the legal basis of the EU's 48-hour working time directive. with ministers in particular ready for the court to deliver its judgment this week as the Conservative Party meets Bournemouth.

The decision of the court, whenever it comes, will reopen the political controversy in the UK over Europe's programme of employment legislation.

Business and the Government have been keen to see some fleshing out of the claim by Tony Blair, the leader of the Labour Party. that in signing the social chapter of the Maastricht treaty, a future Labour government would be able to pick and choose up future European employ-

Economy would grow under Blair, says accountant

By Janet Bush, Economics Correspondent

A NEW Labour government would present no danger to the continuing growth of the British economy, partly because the high level of public borrowing will force it to be cautious on taxation and spending, according to a forecast published today by the Ernst & Young ITEM Club.

ITEM argues that Labour will find it difficult to deliver its promise of a 10p lower income-tax band and still restore the public finances to a sustainable path unless it finds other ways to claw back iax revenue.

All aspects of the report, entitled New Labour - No Danger, assume that Labour wins the forthcoming election.

ITEM, the only privatesector forecaster to use the Treasury's econometric model of the economy, forecasts that, under Lubour, growth will accelerate to 3.25 per cent next year, that unemployment will

fall to 6.5 per cent of the workforce by the end of 1998 and that inflation will rise to more than 3.5 per cent by early 1999 because of strong consumer demand.

ITEM argues that an incoming Labour government would have to raise interest rates after a spring election. perhaps to 7 per cent by the end of 1997, compared with 5.75 per cent now, if it sticks with the current inflation tar-

get of 2.5 per cent or less. Paul Droop, ITEM's chief economist, said he expected some significant risks to the economy in the run-up to the election because the Chancelfor may be under pressure to maximise growth. "The Chancellor should avoid any political calls to reduce interest rates further, as this could cause a repeat of the type of conditions experienced in the

ITEM also predicts that

Labour would have to tighten fiscal policy, given its assump-tion that Kenneth Clarke will cut income taxes by £3.5 in next month's Budget

It argues that Labour will be able to deliver its 10 pence lower tax band only if it finds ways to offset the cost. It suggests a combination of an increased tax rate of 50 pence in the pound for those earning more than £100.000, phasing out mortgage-interest relief altogether and raising emoloyees' National Insurance contributions.

It said that Labour's national minimum wage proposals would have little effect on unemployment or inflation if the level was set as low as £3 an hour, although even this would mean an increased wage bill in 1998, when the economy is expected to be vulnerable to inflation pressures as unemployment falls.



Some 20,000 Rover staff from production workers to directors, and their families, enjoyed a sneak preview of their new working clothes at a fashion display staged at the company's plant in Swindon, Wiltshire, over the weekend by the supplier, Sketchley Textile Services

Irish can afford to smile

FROM EILEEN MCCABE IN DUBLIN

IRISH citizens will be wealthier than their British counterparts by 2000, according to research by the economic policy and statistics section of the House of Commons. Researchers say that GDP per capita in the Irish Republic will rise to £12,811, compared

with £12,623 in Britain. The Republic pushed its per capita GDP ahead of North-

last year. The research came after Alex Salmond, leader of the Scottish National Party. told its annual conference that the Irish had no natural resources, but "used imagination and human resources to ern Ireland in 1993 and Wales drive their economy forward".

Williams plays down sale talk

Sources close to Williams Holdings, the diversified conglomerate, were last night playing down reports that some of its best brand names in building products, including Amdega conservatories. Smallbone kitchens and Swish curtains, had attracted the attention of a trade buyer.

Williams has indicated in the past that some of its building products were not regarded as core businesses and that they could be sold at a future date.

Banks vital

Britain's small businesses are still reliant on the banks for funding and are failing to generate enough profit to become self-financing, according to a joint survey from Pannell Kerr Forster, the firm of accountants, and the Federation of Small Businesses. With most borrowings secured by personal guarantee, their proprietors are personally vulnerable.

Listing sought

Total Office Group, a distributor of office furniture, is to seek a full stock market listing this month with a value of around £28 million. The company is raising £5 million of fresh funds by means of a placing by Credit Lyonnais Laing.

ment law. Home sales 'to grow 7%'

HOUSING market activity in England and Wales, measured by property sales, is expected to show growth of 7 per cent in 1997 after a similar

rise this year. The predictions are from Cambridge Econometries, the economic forecaster. But it says prospects vary by region. The strongest increase in activity is expected in Greater London and the West Midlands, but the largest price rises are likely in the South (excluding London), and Scotland.

The Halifax Building Society said house prices last month were down 0.1 per cent on August but 5.2 per cent higher than a year ago. The Nationwide, meanwhile, said prices were 6.7 per cent higher last month than in September 1995, the biggest annual change since 1989.

CHANGE ON WEEK

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Iceland	115	95
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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 38 OCULOGYRIC

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Report to you mother at once. And be warned — while total frenzy has not yet occurred, the oculogyric phase has already FRIPPET

(a) A frivolous female show-off. Not to be confused (though, let's face it, the confusion is common and most men make it at least once during this life) with a peppet, or dear little girl. And certainly not to be confused with a frisket, which is the iron frame of a hand press. LUCRIPETOUS

(c) Avaricious, money-hungry. From the Latin lucrum (filthy) lucre or money + petere to seek. A synonym for nummamorous loving nummus or coinage. Both words are suitable for muttered but obscure aspersions upon the motives of secondhand car dealers estate agents funeral directors and journalists when in their presence.

c) A low, menial scoundrel. One of many words of medieval origin denoting scruff status. The prevalence of such words suggests a high incidence of unsavouriness and class consciousness in the Middle Ages. A lackey is an obsequious and servile hanger-on. A knave is a low-class rogue. A caitiff is a base and despicable person. A vassal is also a lowly creature, but not as necessarily disreputable as scurvy varlets, knaves and caitiffs.

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Calm after the storm as Granada decides to sit back and take stock

Alasdair Murray

finds out why

Gerry Robinson

refuses to be rushed by

restless City

The word quiet is not normally one that is associated with the Granada that Gerry Robinson and his team have built up in the past few years. The media and hotels company is rarely out of the news, and its battle to win control of Forte early this year gripped the

But the words currently on the lips of Mr Robinson, Granada's chairman, are less exciting terms such as "consolidation" and "bedding in". Forte is the company's biggest acquisition, and after a year of frantic activity it wants to take stock before considering its

So far the market has been mostly content to sit back and watch the company try to fulfil the promises it made during the bid - including raising the Forte-derived profits by £100 million. But once a company has built its reputation on a high-octane style, the City can quickly start to feel withdrawal symptoms during a period of relative quiet. Already, the first mutterings about the company's future have begun.

The questions have centred on whether Granada really should be combining the worlds of media and hotels in the one business. Inevitably, demerger is close to the heart of the argument. Mr Robinson takes a pragmatic approach to the criticism, not rejecting the idea of demerger outright, but emphasising that the immediare task is to complete the integration of Forte. He is also wary of becoming tied to a strategy by floating ideas such as demerger, when the company is not ready for it.

"We have just made our biggest ever acquisition," he "Of course, you could split the two businesses, but ! don't think you should get into that argument or you will quickly be caught in what I term the Thorn dilemma. Sir Colin Southgate could hardly open his door, after he floated the idea of demerger, without someone rushing to ask when the split would take place."

Mr Robinson also has a second line of reasoning to disarm potential critics of the company's structure. He points out that it was clear where the company was moving at the time of the Forte bid and shareholders were only too willing at that stage to accept the company's strategy. He says: "I think you can keep the businesses together perfectly happily by running them tightly in the way that we do. That is where we said we were coming from at the time of the bid and that has not changed to date." For the moment, however,

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Gerry Robinson at Granada's new motorway service station

Granada's ability to continue to make information and data raise profits and, to a certain extent, its share price has prevented the cry for demerger becoming widespread. The management is only too happy to dispense with the theoreticals and simply carry on with strong. improving the business in hand. After all, although Gra-Once Exclusive is gone, the company will be free to concen-

accepts that there is still at least another year's work to be done. The management structure in the new businesses has been put in place quite speedily, and it is amazing how quickly people can adapt to a new culture," he explains. "But I think it will take a year to 18 months to complete the

nada is pleased with the

progress of Forte, Mr Robinson

process. One vital step towards the integration of Forte is the sale of the Exclusive chain of hotels, valued at about £850 million. which should be completed by early next year. While some have been disappointed by the relatively slow progress, the continuing upturn in the hotel market has effectively played into the company's hands. Mr Robinson says: "Sales always take longer if you want a

proper auction. You have to

leagues past and present turned up to celebrate Dilys's

BROADGATE CIRCLE was

alive to the victory cry of an

equities broker from Cantors

last week, after the big noise

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cards at Corney & Barrow. Simon Pearce, better known

as Pikey, celebrated like only

brokers can when it was

announced that he had won

an all-expenses-paid trip to

Japan for a week, with a visit to the Kirin Brewery thrown

half century with the firm.

Pleasing Pikey

available to ensure a proper round of bidding. But we have been extraordinarily lucky about timing. We did not anticipate the pick-up in hotel trading was going to be quite so

trate on employing its familiar business skills on its mid-price and budget hotel chains. Mr Robinson believes that there is room for a "phenomenal" amount of expansion at the Travelodge end of the market. He was critical of Forte at the time of the bid for directing investment towards its up-

opportunities for site-driven growth at the other end of the market. Granada is already testing new Travelodge city centre sites, including one at Battersea, south London. The company is also working hard on expanding the Posthouse chain. Mr Robinson said: "There are any number of

Posthouses which need a small

extension, and there are good,

fast construction methods to

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ensure these can be developed very quickly.' This form of organic expan-

in. Having spent only £96.50, Pikey was over the moon. But

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the wine bar the next morn-

ing, to remind himself what

had happened. Yes, Simon,

Winning formula

THE Leading Edge, the high-

tech gift store, has launched a

tribute fountain pen to mark

the death of Ayrton Senna two

years ago. The fountain pen

that comes in solid silver with

a tyre-tread design is set to

send profits racing; each pen

you really are a winner.





Early motorway services are a far cry from the state-of-the-art stations now being built

sion is not very exciting, of course, but the company believes it is effective. "Extensions give very high returns - between 20 and 25 per cent ~ because the basic infrastructure is already in place," Mr Robinson explains.

The catering businesses are also enjoying the same treatment. Granada last week unveiled its new £20 million stateof-the-art motorway service station at Stafford.

r Robinson says: "We want to get V __ very negative image of the motorway service station by providing something fresh and new. We want to provide a place where brands are familiar and the customers can feel comfortable."

The company is adding the Little Chef brand to its motorway service stations, while the Burger King franchises, already part of the motorway chain, are being rolled out across the Little Chef roadside chain. "Adding Burger King outlets, has doubled the turnover at Little Chefs." Mr Robinson says. "Little Chefs have traditionally had a heavy mealbased throughput. But Burger King pushes through quite

solidly from 11 in the morning." The sale of the Welcome Break motorway service stations, which were acquired as part of the Forte bid, will also take place in the new year. It is only in the media side of

the business that Granada has

been active in the market. It recently converted warrants in Yorkshire-Tyne Tees to give it effectively a 27 per cent stake and a seemingly impenetrable grip on the company. Although Granada

intentions for Yorkshire, partly to try to keep down the price somewhere about £550 million for the remaining 73 per cent it is clearly not a case of if, but when it buys the company. Mr Robinson says: "Inevitably we will buy the company,

provided it is at the right price. But we have made it very difficult for anyone else to buy it, so there is no rush." The Granada name has also

been quite prominent on billboards across the country as it pushes its new channels on Sky. But critics of the media side of the business have argued that the company is in

danger of being left behind by the global players. "There are clearly limits to what we can do in the global media." Mr Robinson admits. "But if you look at the people who have seriously burst through the media mire, they are all huge risk-takers. The prices being paid for channels at the mo-

ment are simply not viable." Mr Robinson believes that by concentrating on becoming major programming force, the company still has a rosy future in the sector. "Content is the key," he explains. "With our links with Sky, Fox and Star in the Far East, there are already a serious number of platforms

for our programming But, in general, the impression Mr Robinson is giving is that he prefers the current "normal" state of affairs to the cut and thrust of big acquisition battles. "I hated the Forte bid," he said, "because you are absolutely out of control, with the battle simply flying to and fro over your head.

The great relief has been discovering since it's over that what we thought was in the company is actually there and that people respond very well to our management style."

covering 12,000 miles in 30

days. Peter Smith, chairman.

turned up to see him off in his own vintage plane, but the news is that Fisher landed in

Darwin last Friday; he missed

his target by four days and the

world record by two days.

Fisher birnes the bad wea-

THE City Diary is awash

with entries for the competi-

tion to rename Mr Garr-

away's, the Gresham Street

watering hole owned by Phil-

ip and Sarah Iles that has

RADIO CHOICE

A Faust for our times

The Price of Survival. Radio 4, 9,15pm.

Not many journalists dare admit that they sometimes behaved Not many journalists dare admit that they sometimes behaved duplicitously. Andras Sugar is one of that company. He is interviewed by Misha Glenny, formerly a BBC World Service correspondent. He must have had to face the same dilemma—whether to speak out against a moral wrong from the outside or remain on the inside and expose it more effectively as a result. On two historic occasions, Sugar, while working for the Hungarian state news agency MTI, chose not to make a professional stand against aggression. The first was during the Soviet invasion of Hungary in 1956, then in 1968 when Warsaw Pact forces invaded Czechoslovakia. Incarcerated martyrs, Sugar implies, don't make good journalists, and Faustian pacts can end unhappily for Mephistopheles. and Faustian pacts can end unhappily for Mephistopheles.

Battling with the Past. Radio 4 (FM), 10.00am.

The dissection of Napoleon is performed by four academics, with Ronald Hutton looking on as pathologist in chief. The scalpels spare no body part. The examination of what Hutton calls Napoleon's "internal plumbing factor" is so thorough that his terrible piles are "internal plumbing factor" is so thorough that his terrible piles are "internal plumbing factor" is so thorough that his terrible piles are diagnosed as a reason for his getting a bloody nose at Waterloo.

Loose bowels did not, however, mar his victory at Borodino. His literary prowess is dismissed as Mills and Booncapart, though it is conceded that his civil code would have made him an ideal designer. of comprehensible tax codes for the Inland Revenue. Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo 6.30em Chris Evans 9.00 File Stereo 5.30em Chris Evans 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley 2.00pm Nicky Campbell 4.00 Mark Gooder 7.00 Evening Session, with Steve Lamacq 9.00 Cling Film with Mark Kemode and Mary Anna Hobbs 10.00 Mark Raddlife 12.00 Claire Sturgess 4.00em Cling Waren

RADIO 2

FM Stereo 6.00mm Sarah Kennedy FM Stareo 6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Walve Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Anne Robenson 1.30pm Debbre Thrower 3.00 Alex Lester 5.05 John Dumn 7.00 Hubert Gregg 7.30 Matcolm Laycock, with Dance Band Days 8.30 Big Band Special 9.00 Humphrey Lytiekton 10.00 Star Spangled Vocces (2/5) 10.30 Allam Stewart, stong in for The Jamesons 12.05am Adrian Finighan 3.00 Steve Madden

5.00em Morning Reports, and 5.45
Wake Up to Money 6.00 The Breaklast
Programme and at 6.55, 7.55 racing
preview 8.35 The Magazine, with Brian
Hayes, and 10.35 News from Europe
12.00 Midday with Marr, and 12.35pm
Moneycheck 2.05 Ruscoe on Five. Incl
3.05 Actuality 4.00 Nationwide, incl at
5.45 Enterteinment News 7.00 News
Extra, and at 7.20 Sports Builetim 7.35
Football Legends Featuring Jimmy
Molitroy of Burnley and Northern Ireland
8.05 Football Forum 10.05 News Talk,
with Mike Baker 11.00 Night Extra
12.05am The Other Side of Midnight
2.05 Up All Night

TALK RADIO

5.00am Early Breaklast 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Anna Rae Sun Charlotti 12.00 Arts 14.00 Drivetime, with Peter Deeley 7.00 Moz Dee's Sportszone 10.00 James Whale 1.00am Mike Dickin

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour 5.30 Europe Today 6.30 Europe Today 7.15 Soundbyte 7.30 Andy Kershaw 8.15 Off the Sheil. Heatwave 8.30 The Virtage Charl Show 9.15 The Ecological Fightback in Laim America 9.30 keep to the Path 10.05 Business 10.15 Anything Goes 10.45 Sport 11.30 BBC English 11.45 Orl the Shell 12.30 Ornnibus 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 Andy Kershaw 3.05 Outlook 3.30 John Peel 4.05 Sport 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News in German 5.30 Business 5.45 Britain Today 6.10 World Today 6.25 Take Five 6.30 News in German 7:30 Brain of Britain 9.01 Outlook 9:25 Words of Farth 9:30 Multitrack 10:05 Business 10:15 Britain Today 10:30 The Health of Planet Earth 10.45 Maienal World 11.30 World Today Global Concerns 1.45 Britain Today 2.30 Outlook 2.55 Words of Faith 3.30 Meridian 4.15 Sport 4.30 Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths 6.00 Mike Read 4.00am Mark Grimps 6.00 Mike Head 9.00 Henry Felky 12.00 Susennah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto, Victor Herbert (Cello Concerto No 2 in Emiror, Op 30) 3.00 Nick Bailey 6.00 1. News 6.30 Sonata hummel (Grand Sonata for Mandolin and Forteplano) 7.00 Celebrity Choice (1) 8.00 Evening Concert No. 7,00 Celebrity Orbice (f) 8,000 Evening Concert Rio Misserien (Piano Concerto No. 4. In D. minor, Op. 70); Mussergsty (Pictures at an Exhibition); Debussy (Clair de Lune Irom Suite Bargamasque), Santi-Saëris (The Swantrom the Camival of the Animals) 19,00 Michael Mappin 1,00am Mel Cooper

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ in Jano 9.00 Richard Skimmer 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Nicky Horne 7.00 Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Mark

RADIO 3

6,00am On Air, Weber (Symphony No 1 in C); Fauré (Plano Quartet in C minor. Op 15, Domus), Ireland (Three Pastels); Bruch (Swedish Dances, Op 63, Set 1)
9.00 Morning Collection, with

Catnona Young 10,00 Musical Encounters Giordano (Come un Bel di Maggio); Liloiff (Concerto

Symphonique, Scherzo); Strauss (Horn Concerto No 2) 12.00 Composer of the Weelc Bedrich Smetana 1.00pm News; BBC Lunchtime Concert. Includes Lassus (Musica Dei Donum Optimi

and Ad te Levavi); Berio (Cries of London) (r) 2.00 The BBC Orchestra, SBC Symphony Orchestra, under Andrew Davis. With Peter Donohoe, piano, Beethoven (Ballet music: Prometheus):

3.40 Three Score Years and Ten 3.45 Voices (r)

4.30 The Jazzin' Violin
5.00 The Music Machine
5.15 in Tune. Inducts York Bowen (Toccala, Op 155); Bach (Prelude and Eugue in F, 48 Bk 1); Keith Jameti

(Violin sonata, 1st mvt. Celebration); Percy Grainger (Shallow Brown)
7.30 Gerhard and Ravel. Gerhard Ravel (Piano Concerto In G. Suite: Mother Goose) 9.20 Third Words: Creative

Writers and the Third Programme. John Casey reads excerpts from E.M. Forster, Frank Kermode 3 equiar critics on the station

9.45 All in Twilight. Toru Takemitsu's impression of a painting by Paul Niee 10.00 Ensembles. Haydin (Piano Irio in A. HXV 35). Divoial

(Piano Trio in E minor. Op 90)
10.45 Between the Ears
11.30 Composer of the Week:
Steve Reich at 50 (r) 12 30am Jazz Notes 1.00 Through the Night

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Faming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 8.40 Changing Trains, Steven Norris, MP, former Trainsport Minister, reads his memoirs (1/5) 8.58 Weather

s 9.05 Start the Week

9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week with Melvyn Bragg 10.00 Delly Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW) 10.00 News; Battling with the Past (FM). See Choice 10.30 Woman's Hour: 50th Applies Bay Week Anniversary Week 11.30 Money Box Live 9171-580

12.00 News, You and Yours
12.25pm The Labour Exchange
12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55
Shaping Exercise:

Shipping Forecast 2.00 News; Wasted Years, by John Harvey (1/2) 3.00 The Afternoon Shift 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidos Lynne Walker reviews The Witch of Exmoor, the new Margaret Drabble novel

4.45 Short Story: My Father, by Damon Runyon
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 News Quiz. Regulars include Times columnist Alan Coren

7.20 The Food Programme (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: The Art
of Sitting, by Clare McIntyre
9.15 The Price of Survival. See

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

Choice 9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59

Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: I'm Here I
Think, Where Are You? The
actor Timothy West reads
letters written to his wife
Prunela Scales (1/5) in

Prunella Scales (1/5) (r) 11.00 Chain Reaction 11.40 Reading Aloud (r) 12.00 News, incl 12.27am approx

12.30 The Late Book: Nico — Songs They Never Pay on the Radio (6/8) 12.48

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A credit to her accountants PETER SMITH, chairman of

Coopers & Lybrand, was still in his nappies when Dilys Morgan was taken on as a secretary at the accountancy firm in 1946. Fifty years after walking into the firm's Swansea office, 67-year-old Dilys is still there.

It was Graeme Metcalf, 86, a manager who had recently returned from Burma, who gave the fresh-faced 17-year-old her first job. Office life was a little different back then, says Dilys, who still works on the reception desk. We made the tea by boiling a kettle on a coal fire and all our work was done on manual typewriters. There were no otocopiers: we had to use carbon paper." And who says accountants are boring? ColTHE TIMES





costs £1,250. There are, however, only 1,960 of these pens

to mark the year that Senna was born. Only 161 fountain pens in 18ct gold have been made to mark the number of Formula One races he entered, and only 41 roller-ball ens in 18ct gold to mark his Formula One victories.

according to the Card Protec-

tion Plan, which has com-

piled a list of the universities

most at risk for having plas-tic cards stolen. Newcastle

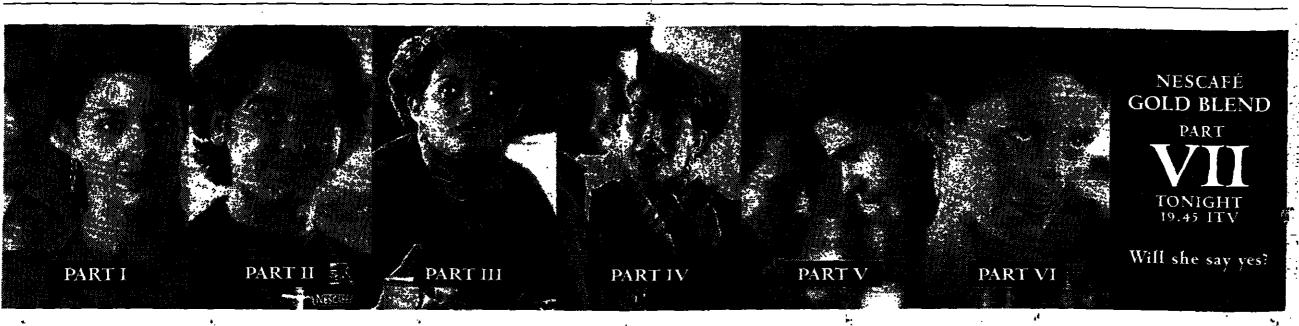
HANGOVERS and no central heating are not the only disadvantages of student life,

comes in at number one. followed by Durham and Loughborough, with Oxford in fifth place. Students are most likely to have cards stolen in a bar, from home, or in a restaurant. About 5,000 cards will go missing from students this term alone.

Falling short

A HIGH-FLIER at Coopers & Lybrand has failed to break the world record he was chasing. John Fisher, a senior partner, took off from London in a 50year-old Tiger Moth at the start of September, with the aim of

been moved out of its premises by Banca Commerciale Italiana. The British lles, Garryholme, Mr G'lles, and Island Home are among the more intriguing sugges-tions. But nothing that Mr Hes would part with his port and champagne for.



Funny, political and fictional, of course

f they gave out Baftas for creative scheduling, the timing of Crossing the Floor (BBC2.

One, its day-to-day survival was dependent on the support of the Ulster Unionists and its chances of blackmail, betrayal — the Saturday) would take a lot of beating. Placing it slap in the middle of party conference season was delicious, wicked and very, very funny. So what if placing it slap in the middle of the Neil Hamilton affair was delicious, wicked and very, very lucky, Guy Jenkin, the writer and director, rode his good fortune like Frankie
Detturi or Frankie
DenewLabour for that matter.

A sequel to Jenkin's first stab at dramatised political satire, A Very Open Prison, this was one of those rare beasts — an improvement on the original. The career of Home Secretary David Hanratty (Tom Wilkinson) had moved on, but not a lot. The position of the Conservative government led by a Prime Minister (James Fleet) obsessed by his own niceness had also advanced. Its majority was down to winning the next election were decidedly slim. Really, where does Jenkin get his ideas from?

No prizes then for guessing the state of Her Majesty's Opposition. Tom Peul (Neil Pearson), its inevitably youthful leader, was well groomed, well coached by his scheming spin doctor, Clive Col-ville (Douglas Henshall), and well practised in the art of slipping in a sound-bite at every opportunity. As long as we have hope . . .

Given the title, the basic plot did not require a lot of guesswork. Rightly convinced that his prospects within his own party were pretty much non-existent. Hanratty determined that joining new Labour was the only way of ensuring a future for himself. His defection would prompt a vote of confidence and an election . . . but only if Peel guaranteed him a bed, blackmail, betrayal - the

But what you couldn't do is recreate the exquisite comic detail in Jenkin's script (I particularly liked Andy Hamilton as the ruthless tabloid editor who spends his nights dancing in gay night-clubs) or the performances turned in by a fashionable but convincing cast.

s Hanratty, Wilkinson enjoys an unfair advantage in bearing an ever more uncanny resemblance to the former transport minister, Steve Norris. mad, bad and dangerous to top-up wife, who Hanratty was in the caddish process of trading in for a younger model (Helen Baxendale). Among the politicians, Clive Russell was thoroughly engaging in the John Prescott role ("Sorry," apologised his boss, he's been

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unbearably proletarian ever since you called him a Champagne socialist"): Henshall schemed to convincing effect as Mandelson's alter ego and Fleet was simply wonderful as the Prime Minister, "I'm not just nice. I con he witty as well." Oh ves For Pearson, it was a busy

weekend. As well as Crossing the Floor, he also popped up in the interminable Rhodes (BBCI) last night playing Dr Jameson. For the last couple of weeks, Pearson has had little else to do but lean against a window sill and practise his Scottish accent. Last night, however, was Jameson's big break. Boss Rhodes (an understandably unhappy looking Martin Shaw) told him he could be the first governor of Rhodesia . . . on condition he first turned the King of Matabeleland into a morphine addict. Given that nobody had done anything pleasant in this series for at least three hours, it came as no surprise that Jameson

was happy to oblige. Personally. I'm past caring. With four episodes still to come. the ponderous retelling of the life of this scheming, power-mad racist is already beginning to blur into an endless succession of river crossings and ludicrous accents. Frances Barber's Russian, Ken Stott's Jewish Cockney and Pearson's Scots — it's as if there is some grand conspiracy to make good actors look very silly.

On Saturday night. Channel 4's Fame Factor season kicked off with The Ghost of Ivy Tilsley, a pathos-filled half hour which, couriesy of deliberately empty nightclubs and sifted box-files of Lynne Perrie memorobilia, quickly decayed into bathos. Still, it should be compulsory viewing for any actor planning to leave a longrunning and successful soap.

This was followed by 1'm Your Number One Fan, the annovingly distressed house style of which (jerky captions. hissing soundtrack) masked a far more disturbing flaw. Put bluntly, this was laughing at the lunatics time. Jaine Green's cameras lingered over long on two unhappy public figures had long departed the rational world. Care in the community may not be working. the television is the answer. On a brighter note, however,

Channel 4's Friday night of imported delights continues to take on anything that BBC2 cares to throw at it. This weekend, a decidedly weary looking Have I Got News for You (BBC2) stag-gered back to do battle with the superlative Frasier (Channel 4) and - unless you had spent the entire evening in the pub - lost comprehensively. A lacklustre Paul Merton was no match for Niles (David Hyde Pierce) and Danhae Hope Lowest Pierce) Daphne (Jane Leeves), whose complex relationship (only Niles believes there is one) was finally sealed with a kiss - albeit a misunderstood one. Talking of kisses, I do hope Kate, Frasier's workplace coup de foudre is due to return. The bring back Dirty Girl" campaign starts here.

Lynne Truss appears tomorrow

re-table to the child of the child 6,00am Business Breakfast (68020) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceetax) (31991)

9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceelax) (5648668)9.20 Style Challenge (s) (2606303) 9.45 Kilroy (s) (2363484) 10.30 Can't Cook,

Won't Cook (s) (17736) 11.00 News and weather (Ceefax) (6010303) 11.05 Perry Mason. Includes news at 12.00 (r)

(Ceelax) (64983194) 12.40pm Even More of Glynn Christian's Entertaining Microwave (9027842) 1.00 News and weather (Ceetax) (41378) 1.30

Regional News (57499007) 1.40 Neighbours (Ceeiax) (s) (44529129) 2.00 Call My Bluff (s) (7151) 2.30 Who'll Do the Pudding? (s) (571) 3.00 Turnabout (s) (2216) 3.30 The Busy World of Richard Scarry (s) (7483620)

3.55 Bodger and Badger (s) (9869945) 4.10 Ace Ventura: Pet Detective (Ceefax) (s) (6160007) 4.35 Record Breakers (Ceefax) (s) (1781200) 5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (2506303) 5.10 Blue Peter (Ceefax) (s) (6539007)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (775945) 6.00 News and weather (Ceefax) (200) ▲6.30 Regional news magazines (552)

7.00 Telly Addicts (Ceefax) (1397) 7.30 Mastermind. The last semi-final of the

House, Jersey (Ceefax) (s) (736) 8.00 EastEnders. Grant and Tiffany have something to celebrate — but will Peggy teel tike joining in? (Cesfax) (s) (3945)

8.30 X Cars. A police helicopter's thermal imaging camera follows a criminal who thinks his escape is hidden by darkness, and a tracking device purpoints the location of a stolen car to within a few feet Last in the series (Ceefax) (s) (9552) 9.00 News, Regional News and weather

9.30 Panorama: The Billion Dollar Man. A took at the political impact of Sir James Goldsmith, self-appointed parliamentary candidate for Pulney and leader of the

Reterendum Party (Ceefax) (172129) (309465)

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10.15 Chicago Hope. Arron has to perform a dangerous heart transplant operation on a bigoted white teenager. When he tells the recipient where the organ came from, he refuses the operation (Ceefax) (s)

11.00 Film 96 with Barry Norman. Includes reviews of Courage Under Fire, a drama set during the Gulf War, with Dencel Washington and Meg Ryan; Lone Star, a film by John Sales with Matthew McConaughey kris Kristotterson and Francis McDormand; Jack, with Robin Williams as a child-like character; and The Norty Professor, Eddie Murphy's latest vehicle (Ceetax) (s) (2007)

11.30 FILM: Made in Heaven (1987) An odd and sometimes touching romantic cornedy by cult director Alan Rudolph. A young man dies and goes to heaven, where he falls for an as-yet-unborn beauty With Timothy Hutton and Kelly 1.10am-1.15 Weather (2013601)

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BBC2 New TE

6,00am Open University: Rocky Shores (7567552) 6.25 The Big Picture (7659587) 6.50 Open Advice: Science Skills (9144484) 7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (6304552) 7.30 Alvin and the Chipmunks (4771533) 7.55 Blue Peter (8830910) 8.20 King Greenfingers (7770378) 8.25 Tales of Aesop (2418378) 8.35 Lassie (8297484) 9.00 TV6 (19194) 9.30 Cosmo and Dibs in Punisbi (1963262)

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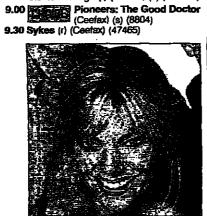
11.30 Ghostwriter (9397) 12.00 GNVQ — the Great New Visionary Quest (35718) 12.30pm Working Lunch (30129) 1.00 History File (17414397) 1.20 Spanish Globo (96934484) 1.25 Landmarks (17493804) 1.45 Storytime (57409484) 2.00 King Greenfingers (81974194) 2.05 Tales of Aesop (81973465) 2.10 The Champions (4247945) 3.00 News

3.05 The Natural World (4867842) 3.55 News (8480026) 4.00 Today's the Day (465) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (649) 5.00 Esther. A discussion on jealousy (5303) 5.30 Going, Going, Gone (129) 6.00 The Munsters (r) (732303)

6.25 UFO (Ceefax) (196303) 7.15 As Seen on TV. The first of ten programmes showing films from the award-winning children's camcorder

show (s) (133823) 7.30 Top Gear Motorsport. Report on the battle between McLaren and Porsche at Brands Hatch (Ceefax) (s) (9939)

8.05 People's Century. Witnesses of the first atomic bomb tests, scientists who built the Soviet bomb and survivors of Hiroshima and Chernobyl offer their views on the nuclear age (r) (Ceelax) (s) (466200)



Samantha Janus as Mandy (10.00pm)

10.00 Game On. Mandy gets a surprise visit from a former boyfriend. With Samantha Janus (Ceelax) (s) (85277) 10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (992277)

11.15 The Larry Sanders Show (Ceetax) (660736)

11.40 Seinfeld (Ceetax) (s) (886587) 12.00 Grace under Fire (s) (92576)

12.30am The Learning Zone: Open University: What You Never Knew about Sex (78408) 1.00 Evolution (42156) 1.30 Science: Fires of Life (59934) 2.00 Nightschool TV: Mathematics (76885) 4.00 BBC Focus: Italia 2000 (77427) 4.30 Find Out about BBC Focus (73410088) 4.45 Department of Health ecial (28153156) 5.00 Pathweys to Care (26084) 5.30 RCN Nursing

Here's One I Made Earlier

Daytime television is not exactly starved of cookery programmes so the reasoning behind this new daily series must be that viewers' appetites are still not sated. The format is simple and free of gimmicks. Each show features a three-course meal cooked by a regular team of chefs which includes Mark Wogan, son of Terry. The emphasis is on fresh ingredients and an inventive approach. A useful innovation is that each dish is costed and given a calorie count. The studio audience is invited to taste the food and give its verdict, but this is not a competition and unanimous. On the menu today are papay alad with prawns and avocado, boned leg of lamb with parsnip puree and a chocolate marquise so rich that it sets off the show's choc alert, sounded by a blue siren.

Pioneers: The Good Doctor

In these market-driven times, Dr Julian Tudor Hart sounds like a voice from the is rare enough these days, but he is passionately opposed to turning healthcare into a commodity. He was a medical student when the National Health Service was set up and was fired by its ideals. As a doctor he left his comfortable middle-class background to work among the poor, first in the East End of London and later in a mining village in South Wales. He did not just care for his patients but used his practice to carry out valuable research into heart disease and cancer. Now retired. Dr Hart revisits the valley where he is remembered with affection. He insists that health is better provided through co-operation than

Cutting Edge: Gazza's Coming Home Channel 4. 9.00pm

Contrary to what you may have read or heard, this is a largely unrevelatory film about Paul Gascoigne's 1995-96 season with Glasgow Rangers. Yes, there are admissions of drinking bouts, including the one that caused him to miss the birth of his son. Bu the programme (made by the team responsible for a more incisive portrait of Graham Taylor) is not unsympathetic to Gascoigne and reinforces the familiar image Both threads run through the season as bookings and goals intersperse in what seem like roughly equal numbers. Sympathy for Gazza's loneliness and depression during his first months in Scotland may be offse details of the enormous sums footballers earn. Even for a minor match in Cyprus the

Whether Wilderness is an original and unsettling thriller or a piece of pseudo-psychological hokum is a good question which cannot fairly be answered until after next week's concluding episode. But the chances are that those already intrigued are likely to see the show through to the end. The story of a young librarian (Amanda Coms) who turns into a wolf has an irresistible fascination, particularly as she has apparently killed once in her lupine guise and shows every sign of doing so again. Meanwhile, her shrink (Michael Kitchen) is getting just as dotty as she is, though an obsession about cleanliness is not necessarily homicidal. Gemma Jones joins the cast tonight, playing an expert in wolf behaviour. But after one brief appearance, she is not heard of again. This is a plot that loves to

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6.00am GMTV (59494) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (Teletext) (s) (2518194) 9.55 Regional News (Telelext) (6305378) 10.00 The Time

... the Place (s) (29668) 10.30 This Morning (27615842) 12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (7582378) 12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (3217620)

12.55 Look and Cook (3232939) 1.25
Coronation Street (r) (Teletext)
(6340216) 2.00 Home and Away
(Teletext) (s) (27833397) 2.25 Quisine
(s) (27812804) 2.50 Garden Calendar eletext) (9938668) 3.20 News (Teletext) (5537668)

3,25 Regional News (Teletext) (5536939) 3.30 Tots TV Classics (9788026) 3.40 The Slow Nortis (6108755) 3.50 Wolves,

Witches and Glants (s) (9782842) 4.05 Sooty and Co (s) (6167910) 4.25 Scooby Doo (Teletext) (6256858) 4.50 How 2 (Teletext) (s) (7804910) 5.10 Bruce's Price Is Right (s) (8333484)

5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (845823) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (736129) 6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (898804) 7.00 The List (6465)

7.30 Coronation Street. Audrey plans a few surprises for Alf's birthday (Teletext) (804) 8.00 World in Action. How has infected blood got into the system? (Teletext) (s) (5113)



8.30 The Upper Hand. When Charlie meets test by her husband, who is desperate to prove his superiority. With Joe McGann (Teletext) (s) (4620)

9.00 Wilderness. When a badly mauled body is discovered, Alice believes that her "wolf" may be responsible (Teletext) (s) (6129)

10.00 News (Teletext) and weather (27113) 10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (289295) 10.40 FILM: Murder Times Seven (1990) with Richard Crenna, Susan Blakeley and Cliff Gorman When a detective's former partner is murdered, he attempts to find the killer. Directed by Jud Taylor

(25747129) 12.30am Bushell on the Box (s) (65934) 1.00 Customs Classified (6932243) 1.50 Jones and Jury (9303224)

2.15 FILM: Beautiful But Dangerous (1952) starring Jean Simmons, Robert Mitchum, Arthur Hunnicut, Edgar Buchanan, Wallace Ford and Raymond Walburn. Patchy comedy about a beautiful heiress returning to her home town to play Lady Bountiful to her benefactors. Directed by Lloyd Bacon (631446)

4.10 Coach (s) (79988311) 4.35 The Time...the Place (r) (s) (44729309) 5.00 The

The Entertainers (r) 5,30 Morning News (20359)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 12.55pm-1.25 Our House (3232939) 2.50-3.20 Look and Cook (9938668) 6,25 Wales Tonight (898604)

7.00-7.30 House to House (6465) WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except: 12,55 Coronation Street (3232939)

1.25-1.55 Quisine (33931769) 1.55 Home and Away (14875991) 2.25 The Body -- a User's Guide (27836484) 2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (8277282)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (8333484) 6.00 Westcountry Live (35674) 7.00-7.30 Bruce's Price Is Right (6465)

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3.05-3.20 A World of Wonder (2215484) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (8333484) 6.25 Central News and Weather (898804) 7.00-7.30 Bruce's Price Is Right (6465) 12.30am Nationwide Football League Extra

1.10 Crime Hour (5543576) 2.15 Jones and Jury (4227866) 2.35 Film: Man from Tangler (5109779)

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10.45 The Pier (739804)

11.15 Max Monroe: Loose Cannon (841533) 12.15am Sound Bites (5594427)

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CHANNEL 4

6.35am Hammerman (r) (9221587) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (37129)

9.00 CHOICE Here's One I Made Earlier.
Top chels prepare ambitious three-course meals using high street

ingredients (84002) 9.30 Schools: Geography Junction (7-11) 9.45 Book Box (9-11) 10,00 Stage Two Science (7-11) 10.15 Learn Sign Language (7-16) 10.20 Place and People (14-17) 10.40 The English Programme (14-16) 11.05 Encyclo-pedia Galactica (11-16) 11.15 The Mix (9-11) 11.30 Rat-A-Tat-Tat (4-6) 11.45

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4.00 Fifteen to One (Teletext) (s) (533) 4.30 Countdown: Championship of Champions (945) 5.00 The Montel Williams Show (Teletext) (s) (2908587) 5.45 Travelog Treks (127939) 6.00 The Cosby Show (910)

6.30 Hollyoaks (s) (Teletext) (262) 7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (8587) 8.00 Little Killers: The Handsome Killers The lifestyle of the weasel and the stoat. presented by Maunce Tibbles (6/6) (r)

8.30 Wild at Heart. Suzanne Chipperfield turned her back on her circus heritage at 16 to become a hairdresser. Now, at 24. she is back - learning the art of tion taming from her mother Mary (r) (Teletext) (s) (2262)



Paul Gascoigne reveals all (9pm)

9.00 Cutting Edge: Gazze's Coming Home (Teletext) (s) (4571)

16.00 Homicide -- Life on the Street: Salber. Part two of the hunt for a copycat sniper. The squad has a suspect, a crime, but proving his guilt is another matter (Teletext) (s) (7858)

11.00 The American Football Big Match. Presented by Gary Imlach (567755) 12.20 Transworld Sport (5309773)

1.20am Let the Blood Run Free. Carla contesses to Ray (6819021) 1.50 FILM: The Great Sinner (b/w. 1949)

starring Gregory Peck and Ava Gardner A writer turns to gambling to win back his lover from a casino owner to whom her father has promised her in marriage Directed by Robert Siodmak (839205) Ends at 3.45 4.00 Schools: The English Programme (8478595)

• For more comprehensive listings of satellite and cable channels, see the Vision sup-Lement, published Saturday

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5.00am Sacred Ground (1983) (42378)
8.00 The Further Adventures of the Wilderness Family (1978) (52397) 10.00 Charile's Ghost Story (1994) (76991) 12.00 The Blue Bild (1976) (45620) 2.00pm They All Laughed (1981) (17216) 4.00 Roller Boogle (1979) (4216) 6.00 Charile's Ghost Story (1994) (9639) 7.30 El Festures (5007) 8.00 Mildwest Obsession (1995) (36357) 10.00 No Escape (1993) (91736) 12.00 Thin les (1995) (42505) 1.25cm Those Destrict (1997) (425-6.00 Sacret Ground (1983) (935440)

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6.00am Courage of Rin Tin Tin (1962) (43649) 7.30 Don Bluth's Thumbelins (1994) (5870) 9.00 The Flying Sorcerer (1974) (5820) 10.00 Stella (1950) (74333) 12.00 Jurassic Park (1993)

(20786649) 2.10pm Smiley Gets a Gun (1958) (312277) 4.00 Don Bluth's Thumboline (1984) (2858) 6.00 Most for (1958) (312:77) 4.00 Dorn Bluth's Thumbeline (1994) (2858) 6.00 Hart to Hart Secrets of the Hart (1995) (27194) 8.00 Jurassic Park (1993) (27340735) 10.10 Separate Lives (1994) (759755) 11.55 Black Fox The Price of Peace (1993) (3033) 10) 1.30am Shattered Dreems (1990) (23809) 3.05 The House That Mary Bought (1994) (378750) 4.55-6.00 The Flying Sorceter (1974) (22478.2) SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm The Barkleys of Broadway (1949) (2945) 8.00 The Lady from Shanghal (1948) (4528561) 7.50 To KNI a Mockingbird (1962) (35146910) 10.00 Delensaless (1991) (457991) 11.50 The Music Lovers (1971) (8701823) 1.55em

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6.00am Bonkeis (3352151) 6.25 Mouse Tracks (\$358736) 6.50 Darkwing Duck (\$622858) 7.15 Cusel Attack (4623226) 7.40 Alacidin (4359397) 8.05 Timon and Pumbas (8454842) 8.30 Bonkers (?2736) 9.00 Sing Me a Story, with Belle (69216) 9.30 Lamb Chop's Play Along! (5087) 10.00 Muppel Belses (8625) 10.30 Alventures in Wonderland (85200) 11.90 Automates in Wonderland (85200) 11.90 Cusel Allack (76552) 11.30 Under the Umbrolls Tree (70287) 12.00 Prayallong! (16143) 1.00 Timon and Pumbas (93804) 1.30 Alacidin (53674) 2.00 Darkwing Duck (5194) 2.30 Grounding Marsh (9674) 3.00 Grounding Marsh (9674) 3.00 Grounding Marsh (9674) 3.00 Grounding Marsh (9674) 3.00 Cusel (2236755) 4.15 Bonkers (2246484) 4.33 Timon and Pumbas 14009002) 5.00 Alacidin (3674) 5.30 Good Morning Mas Rés (720) 6.00 Cossbow (8213) 6.30 Biossom (8755) 7.00 Horne Improvement (6610) and pumbas Holphory and Clyde (51200)

7.00am Gillette World Sport Special (31939) 7.20 Watersports World (98842) 8.30 Racing News (41842) 9.00 Drag Racing (32194) 9.30 Aerobics Oz Syle (79113) 10.00 WDC World Team Datis

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From 8.00am-9.00 TV High Street

Includes consumer news and leatures and Your Stars presented by Russel Grant From 9,00-12,00 Food and Wilne. In-



Presents (3979666) 2.30 Rod Serling's

9.00em The Joy of Painting (7586649) 9.30 The Garden Show (7656705) 10,00 Two's County (4762666) 10,30 The House (7575533) 11,00 Furniture to Go (5222303)

11,30 Room Service (5127804) 12,00 Julia Child (7599113) 12,30pm Graham Kerr (3055741) 1,00 Yan Can Cool (7220303)

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From 4.00pm-Midnight DISCOVERY as

Night Gallery (3981801) 3.00 Finday 13th (6820953) 3.55-4.00 Quarks

TLC/DISCOVERY

cludes recipes and ideas from Delte Smith and Keith Floyd From 12,00-3,00pm Heelth and Beauty. Includes Diet and Fitness with Rosemary Conley From 3,00-5,00 Home and Garden. Includes The Good Life Style Guide THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Biography: Disvy Crockett (8784620) 5,00 Modern Marvels (2123858) 6.00 The Life and Times of Lord Mountbatten (3847113) **7.00-8.00 Biography Marco** Polo (8310587) THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

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6.00am Tecnego Mutant Hero Turties (37200 6.30 Bit-of Mice from Mars (90194) 7.00 Rocko's Modern Life (3028213) 7.15 Hey Arnold (85-6842) 7.30 Rugats (14216) 8.00 Doug (40113) 8.30 Assirhiti Real Monsters (49484) 9.00 Where in the World Cermen Sandrego? (30736) 9.30 Wishbone (77755) 10.00 Bananas in Pyjamas (4365113) 18.10 kaus and Orbie (6483179)

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ZEE TV 7.00cm Jaagran (97718842) 7.30 Lifestyle Essi (3969945) 8.30 Community Touch (4919013) 9.00 Richi Schi (86148213) 9.30 Gatacuse (34634820) 10.00 Doosta Assmaan (97793533) 11.00 Nhana Farbana (82109849) 11.30 Parampera (4949494) 12.30pps Talaash (3464573) 1.00 FILM: Dheen Dhan Parmys (27204494) 4.00 BECD (41738823) 4.30 Hum Panch (41735007) 5.00 Zee Zone (3600687) 5.30 Yee Kamsan (41822587) 6.00 Usha Uhina show (41749200) 6.30 Zee and U (4173052) 7.00 Video Countourn (2568842) 8.00 News (3682571) 8.30 Yoode As Co (36918578) 9.00 FILM: Divorce (82112113)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT_ Continuous cartoons from 5am to 9pm,

PERFORMANCE 7.60pm Carle Bley and Sleve Swallow (7802910) 7.50 Ane (8966129) 8.30 Bossa Nova (9478620) 9.30 Les Bacarlés (9868804) 11.00 Aria (4732303) 12.00-1.00am James Corlon (7243137)

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Petrol giants exploit surge in price of crude to boost margins

MONDAY OCTOBER 7 1996

OIL COMPANIES are using the surge in the price of crude oil to boost their margins at the petrol pump, where prices have risen about 10 per cent since July. But weakness in the spot price of gasoline has allowed the oil majors and their supermarket rivals to claw back some of the profit lost in the petrol price war.
Faced with big losses from forecourt activities, the major oil companies and

their supermarket rivals have been taking advantage of a worldwide surge in oil prices by raising the price of unleaded and four-star petrol. According to statis-tics from Opal, the oil price researcher, the price of unleaded petrol has risen on average about 5p per litre across the country since a low point of 54p per litre in

July.
The petrol retailers have attempted to put through four increases in the past

crisis in Iraq and a dramatic surge in world crude oil markets. But while the price of Brent crude has risen almost 25 per cent since mid-July, petrol retailers have not suffered a similar increase in the wholesale price of unleaded gasoline, the most widely sold product at the forecourt.

Jeremy Hudson, oil analyst at Salomon Bros, explained that demand for the product is relatively slack in Europe. "Gasoline is a commodity where inven-

tories are not a problem. There is a small oversupply of gasoline manufacturing." For the petrol retailer, the gross profit margin - the difference between the refinery price and pre-tax price at the pump - has risen from a low point of less than Ip per litre in May to 6p at the end of September. That compares with average margins in 1994 of 6.8p, according to Opal. Those margins slipped to 5.5p last year, when Esso began retaliating to the price challenge from the supermarkets.

The launch of Esso's Pricewatch campaign in January caused average margins to slide quickly, from 4.5p per litre to 1p or less in May, a level at which the oil and supermarket companies will have suffered severe losses. In August, BP reported a loss of some £50 million from

Peter Regnier of Opal reckons that the retailers need margins of between 6p and 7p per litre to cover their costs and to make a sensible profit, although grocers the bottom line.

heads at their superstore sites can probably get by at 3p per litre. Ten pence of the current average price of 59p per litre goes to the refiner. 43p to the government and about 6p might go to the retailer, he

For the oil companies, that gross margin must carry the cost of smaller

Huge dilution for investors in Eurotunnel

By MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

EUROTUNNEL shareholders will learn this morning that their stake in the company is to be reduced to little more than a quarter as a result of the months of negotiations with banks over a financial restructuring.

They will also be given a new target date for the first dividends payable on their investment. Advisers to the company now think these could arrive by the year 2010.

Investors have been braced for bad news all summer as the refinancing talks dragged on. Eurotunnel owes £9 billion to a total of 225 banks around the world, a burden of debt impossible to shift in the normal course of trading.

Sir Alastair Morton and Patrick Ponsolle, in matching briefings in London and Paris. will set out the terms of the refinancing, which has been agreed with the 26 "agent banks" in the forefront of negotiations. These are thought to be the only ones that could have put in the receivers if terms had not been agreed, although there will be tough negotiations ahead with the other lenders.

But the most difficult task facing Eurotunnel will be to sell the package to its shareparticularly the French, who comprise a majority of the private investors and who are in militant mood.

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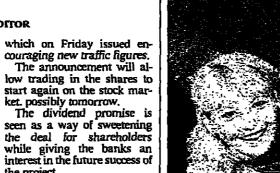
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swap, under which the banks which on Friday issued endebt into shares. The debt will convert at a price somewhere around 130p a share, against the 1132p at which Eurotunnel shares were suspended a week ago. This will give the banks an immediate 49 per

cent stake. ☐ A series of share issues giving banks redeemable bonds that convert into Eurotunnel equity over the next few years. The bonds will convert at a range of prices between 150p and £2. Full conversion would leave the banks with something short of 70 per cent of the company.

The issue of an unusual revenue bond that pays out if certain revenue targets for the project are exceeded. The aim of this is to ensure the banks share in any subsequent outperformance of the tunnel.



the project. One source close to the negotiations said: "It was very much in Eurotunnel's shareholders' interests that the hanks would become shareholders too, because then they will have a common interest in receiving a dividend earlier."

Without the refinancing, no dividends would have been possible before the year 2024 at the earliest, on one estimate. The franchise for Eurotunnel to run the tunnel stretches

Investors will eventually be asked to vote on the refinancing once all the banks have been brought into line. However, a shareholders' meeting is not likely until early next

French shareholders' group last week demanded a meeting with Eurotunnel managers before it makes a recommendation to its memopposition, but most observers believe that the deal will be voted through eventually because the prospect for private investors otherwise is



Heaven scent: Philip Newton, chairman of The Perfume Shop, selects some fragrances with the assistance of Sadie Brearley, store manager, during the opening of the company's new shop at the weekend. The store, at

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Broker Direct last week en-

tered into a joint-venture agreement with Comhill in-

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Under the terms, Trafalgar, a subsidiary of Cornhill, will

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take a stake of between 20 and

Direct Line, founded in

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biggest motor insurer, with 2.2 million policyholders.

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the Merry Hill shopping centre near Dudley West Midlands, represents the thirtieth outlet opened by the specialist retailer. The Perfume Shop is an offshoot of Merchant Retail Group, which is listed on the Stock Exchange.

DMG considers legal action on audit of Young funds

DEUTSCHE Morgan Grenfell is thought to be considering legal action against auditors and trustees of the three European funds that were managed by Peter Young, who was sacked last month for loading the funds with unquoted securities of

Insiders believe a decision on whether to sue KPMG, the funds' auditor, and General Accident, their former trustee, will be taken after the investigations into Mr Young's activities by DMG and the Serious Fraud Office are completed.

The role of KPMG was to audit the accounts of the three funds, while General Accident, as trustee, was to ensure that the funds complied with regulatory rules and stated investment objectives.

KPMG and General Accident, if sued, would no doubt argue that Mr Young present-ed them with incorrect information that, in retrospect,

made their jobs impossible.

If DMG proceeds, it might sue for economic loss, seeking to recover any fines levied by the Investment Management Regulatory Organisation (Imro) as well as any compensation paid to investors. The total could run to hundreds of

millions of pounds.

A DMG spokesman said that lawsuits against auditors or trustees were not currently on the agenda. But insiders believe that DMG would sue if it could be proven that the trustees had been in breach of their fiduciary duties.

Deustche Bank, DMG's owner, has pledged in principle to compensate investors if it is found that the value assigned to the unquoted shares inflated the funds' overall value.

In a separate development, officials from the US Securities and Exchange Commission are to come to London to assist the British inquiry into Mr Young's activities. The SEC is expected to provide information on Solv-Ex. a company that was on Mr Young's investment list.

Kingfisher may swoop on Norweb

KINGFISHER, the Woolworths retailer, is interested in acquiring the retail husiness of Norweb. the regional electricity company taken over by North West Water at the start of the year to create United Utilities (Martin Waller writesi.

Executives from Cornet, Kingfisher's electrical retail chain, have been sighted at some of the 70 out-of-town stores and 60 The business is likely to be worth some £70 million. Kingfisher last night refused to comment on market rumours

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Brokers launch direct insurance

By OUR BUSINESS STAFF

INSURANCE brokers, who have suffered from tough competition from telephone-based dealers such as Direct Line, will retaliate tomorrow, with the launch of their own direct

The 1,300 high street brokers who are members of the Institute of Insurance Brokers. as well as other independents, will be offered the chance to buy into a £4 million insur-ance business and take up to 70 per cent ownership.

The new company. Broker Direct, will provide private motor insurance from next summer and household policies about six months later.

Three million shares are being offered at £1 each, but only registered brokers can take part. The aim is to allow brokers to offer direct policies shown as best or cheapest on computer screens.

Andrew Paddick, chairman of Broker Direct and head of the IIB, said: "Through cost efficiency, and being lean and mean, brokers are going to get

Brightreasons IN BUSINESS TOMORROW on the menu BRIGHTREASONS, the res-

taurant group that owns the Pizzaland, Bella Pasta and Pizza Piazza chains, confirmed yesterday that it has been approached by potential buyers but would not provide details of any negotiations (Eric Reguly writes). The spec-ulation is that Pizza Express and My Kinda Town, the restaurant groups. would like to buy some or all of Brightreasons now that the company is reporting stronger profits. Brightreasons is 80 per cent owned by venture capitalists and 20 per cent by

Revenue to announce Botnar deal

Octav Botnar, the exiled ty-coon, will today see the settle-ment of his dispute with the Inland Revenue, which has required him to take up residence in Switzerland, beyond the range of the British

tax authorities. The deal, to be announced in open court by the Inland Revenue, requires the pay-ment of more than £50 million in corporation tax by Nissan UK, the company built up by The institute estimates that Mr Botnar to import the Japanese cars. The Revenue had claimed £250 million but is thought to have settled for

the lower sum. The arrangement could allow Mr Botnar, 83, to return to this country. The Revenue refused to comment except to say that, as of last night, a warrant remained outstanding for his arrest should Mr Botnar return to the UK.

Upbeat Granada

A purchase of Yorkshire-Tyne Tees Television by Granada Group, the leisure conglomerate that took over Forte earlier this year, is "inevitable", Gerry Robinson, Granada's chief executive, told The Times but at the right price. His company has 27 per cent of the regional broadcaster. Oth-erwise, Granada is taking stock after its rapid expan-Calm after the storm, page 50

Boom time The current mini-boom in the

nation's high streets will last at least until 1999, with retail sales next year and in 1998 expected to rise 6 per cent in each year, according to Verdict, the retail consultant. However, Verdict says there is little danger of inflation rising as it did in the 1980s because fierce competition between retailers should keep the lid

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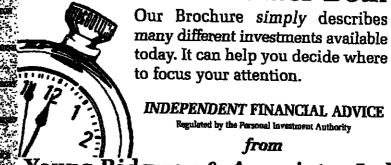
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Gloomy prognosis as Pope admitted for 'simple' surgery

AFTER an emotional send-off by a huge crowd in St Peter's Square yesterday, the Pope entered hospital for what is ostensibly a low-risk appendix

But there are fears that surgeons may find something worse, such as a cancerous tumour, and there is growing talk in the Vatican about whether the Pope might resign if he becomes incapacitated. Vatican doctors say the operation will take place today

The post-Wojtyla era has already begun." said La Repubblica, pointing to the acuum at the top in the Vatican since the Pope began suffering from repeated mysterious abdominal ailments at the beginning of the year.

But Vatican officials insisted the pontiff would be fit again in time for the celebrations on November I marking the fiftieth anniversary of his ordina-1946, including five cardinals, have been invited to Rome to join in the festivities.

Medical sources said the Pone should leave the Gemelli Hospital, which has a special papal suite on the tenth floor, within a week "if all goes well". There are persistent reports, however - all denied by the Vatican - that Professor Francesco Crucitti, the senior surgeon conducting the

appendectomy, will also be conducting keyhole surgery to look for signs of a recurrence of the tumour he removed from the Pope's colon in 1992.

Officially, the Pope, 76, is suffering from "chronic inflammation of the appendix". But the Vatican only issued this diagnosis last month after the pontiff's visit to Hungary. when it became obvious that he was a sick man. It had earlier talked vaguely of "digestive fevers" and "mysterious bacteria".

The Pope, who has repeatedly said he hopes to see in the millennium, asked the wellwishers packed into St Peter's Square under sunny skies -

MEDICAL HISTORY

May 1981: Operation after shot in abdomen by Mehmet Ali Agca in St Peter's Square. August 1981: Further sur-

gery after infection. July 1992: Removal of benign tumour from November 1993: Operation on dislocated right

shoulder after fall. April 1994: Hip operation October 1996: Appendectomy after repeated many of them Poles waving national flags - to accompany me with your prayers" as he undergoes surgery for the in hospitals and clinics, knowing I can count on their spiritual solidarity. May the caring Virgin Mary watch over all of us." he declared.

Yesterday the Pope, refusing to rest, looked wan as he presided over a three-hour ceremony beatifying 16 Catholics, among them Edmund Ignatius Rice, (1762-1844), an Irish landowner who went on to found the order of the Christian Brothers. The Pope prayed that the Irish people flict behind them and "build a brighter and more serene future for the younger generaion", with Ireland's Christian heritage inspiring harmony and peace between the communities of Northern Ire-

On Saturday the Pope paid homage to Padre Pio. the revered Italian hermit who met the young Karol Wojtyla in 1947 — a year after his ordination — and predicted he would be Pope. Padre Pio, who the Pope is determined to make a saint, also foretold the attempt on the Pope's life, and is said to have predicted his papacy would last 18 years, which it already has.



The Pope leaves a three-hour beatification ceremony in St Peter's Square yesterday

Cardinals jockey for power behind Vatican throne

DURING the Pope's absence, the Vatican will be in the hands of Cardinal Angelo State, who is, in effect, the pontiff's Prime Minister.

zine last month said the Pope had given Cardinal Sodano and Cardinal Eduardo Martínez Somalo, the Treasurer to the Holy See. a document certifying that if he lost his mental powers they were to act as if he had resigned. The Vatican vehemently denies this. But officials agree it is normal for the Secretary of State to exercise the Pope's powers during his absence.

In 1979, when the pontiff undertook the first of many overseas trips, he handed the then Secretary of State, Cardinal Jean Villot, powers to grant indulgences and to make diocesan appointments. On the other hand, Cardinal Sodano, a lifelong Vatican diplomat who became the Secretary of State in 1990, is widely regarded as a colourless, bureaucratic figurehead.

Instead Vatican insiders say four men have moved into the vacuum: Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, the head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, or Holy Office — once the dreaded Inquisition: Cardinal Jozef romko, the head of Propaganda Fide; Cardinal Roger Etchegaray, the head of the Vatican Millennium Committee; and Mgr Stanislaw



private secretary. Mgr Dzivisz, who controls access to the Pope, forms part of the Polish matia" which moved into the Vatican in 1978, but he is not a power player in the succession struggle.

But this has also made him role of kingmaker.

Ratzinger zealous purge of liberal theologians

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The remaining three are all candidates to succeed, but perhaps the canniest temporary wielder of power is Cardinal Ratzinger. He has proved a stern weeder-out of heresy on the conservative Pope's behalf since his appointment as head of the Holy Office in 1982.

enemies, and although the Pope has created a college of cardinals in his own image, as every pontiff seeks to, they may elect a liberal next time. the cardinals choose another foreign Pope, they might favour one from Latin America or Africa, with Cardinal Ratzinger settling for the

* Icelanders await flood of the century

From Hildur Helga Sigurdardottir in reykjavik

ICELANDERS braced themselves yesterday for extensive flooding along the country's south coast as the volcanic eruption in the Vatnajokull glacier showed no sign of

The eruption in southwest lceland, 137 miles from the capital, Reykjavik, became visible last Monday, but Iceit 36 hours before that. A column of ash, varying in from 32,800ft to 10.000ft, was still pouring from a six-mile fissure in the

More than 2.5 billion cubic yards of ice is believed to have been melted. The water is warking its way under the istap. filling a huge underglacial lake a few miles from the eruption's source at

the Grimsvotn crater. The water level is estimated to have risen to almost a mile. a height unprecedented this century. It is only a matter of

time before the fire lifts the icecap and a glacial river bursts out. There is little human habitation in the area expected to take the main force of the flood but rescue workers are dismantling dvkes to divert the waters

from large bridges and power Iceland is living up to its ickname as the land of ice and fire. But initial excitement over the eruption has turned into a tense waiting game. Ragnar Stefansson, head of the geophysics department of Iceland Meteorological Institute, said that "the longer it takes to build up, the bigger

the flood is likely to be". Vatnajokull covers more than 3,200 square miles. The last big eruption was in 1983, when the ice sheet was pierced for a short time. There was no flooding then, but an eruption in 1938 at the same site as the current activity caused extensive flooding.

Lebed faces Nato charm offensive

By MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

NATO launches a charm offensive today when senior officials meet General Aleksandr Lebed, Russia's security chief, who is on a two-day trip from Mascaw

General Lebed was invited to the Brussels headquarters by Javier Solana, Nato's Secretary-General. He will also visit the alliance's military headquarters at Mons. The trip is seen as a crucial opportunity for the West to convince a key Moscow figure of the alliance's benign atti-

tude towards Russia. The general has made belligerent remarks recently underlining his opposition to Nato's plans to expand eastwards and has given warnings of retaliation if enlargement goes ahead. Nato sources said he would be told that the alliance wanted to develop a much closer partnership

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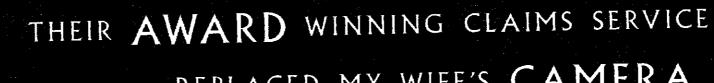
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The making of an artist—from truing lay: Michael printing

Starting today: Michael Peppiatt's biography of Francis Bacon, an artist who challenged his generation

f his childhood in rural Ireland, Francis Bacon had few happy memories. His father, Eddy, an ex-Army martinet and failed racehorse trainer, used his abundant spare time to tyrannise the family. Photographs of Eddy show a sturdy, upright man with a hooded, supercilious gaze and a "military" moustache: the only discernible similarities with his famous son are the powerful forearms, which he holds folded over his body, and the unusually large, fleshy hands.

Known and feared for his outbursts of rage, he also had a moralising, puritanical streak which, among other things, led him to ban alcohol from the house — an enforced abstinence for which his son would take spectacular revenge. On the other hand, the teetotal father gambled a great deal, particularly on the horses — which is something, as his no less censorious son remarked, that the best trainers do not do.

Because of his asthma and other recurrent ailments. Francis was considered from early on the sickly child of the Bacon family - the "weakling", as he himself put it. This did nothing to endear him to his physically robust father. who insisted on putting him astride a pony and sending him off to hunt at every

opportunity. Any prolonged contact with dogs and horses brought on an asthma attack so severe that Francis would lie in bed for days, blue in the face, struggling for each breath. It can never have occurred to Eddy, as he watched his son being given liberal amounts of morphine to ease his suffering. that Francis would turn out to be exceptionally resilient as an adult, as well as the only one of

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Growing up in Ireland: Bacon's mother, Winifred, with his father, the tyrannical Captain Eddy, in 1910; young Francis with his mother in 1912; and Bacon at Cannycourt House, the family's rented home in Co Kildare

his three sons to live beyond the age of 30.

What makes Bacon's childhood exceptional, and exceptionally interesting, is the fact that we tend to see it through his eyes — in his occasional references to it, and above all through his painting. The artist's temperament was fuelled by a need for high drama and extremity to feed his painting, and it coloured everything that came within

one point or another, Bacon referred to specific incidents of cruelty that had impressed themselves on his mind. Most disturbing. because the cruelty was so specific and was suffered by Bacon personally, is the story about his father arranging to have his small son regularly horsewhipped by the grooms - a punishment which reflected the father's desire to make a

man of his sickly boy, just as he forced him to join a fox hunt in spite of the fact that horses and hounds triggered off the child's asthma. This illness undoubtedly strengthened Bacon's resolve, once he had grown up, to keep as far away as possible from any kind of animal and, with some rare exceptions, to shun the countryside entirely. Bacon's lifelong asthma is

an important key to his child-hood and to his adult sensibility. For an asthmatic, the simple process of breathing is a struggle, each attack is an ordeal to be overcome, and during Bacon's childhood little existed to alleviate the protracted suffering. Nevertheless, asthmatics

generally acknowledge that their condition sharpens the will to live, making mere existence - what Bacon called "conscious life" — a pleasure in itself, since it has been so arduous to achieve. The asth-

FRANCIS BACON matic tends as a result to have miseries of living. A certain a special fund of optimism. unfeeling superiority or ruthlessness certainly character-

simply in order to surmount a new attack; and once the attack has passed, the optimism does indeed seem justified. Bacon himself referred all the time to his "optimistic nervous system" (while quali-fying it atheistically as "optimism about nothing"), and this can be understood more fully in the context of his permanent struggle with asthma. If this early ordeal gives the asthmatic unusual resilience and reserves of stoicism, it also

tends to form a character that appears aloof from the daily ised much of Bacon's behaviour in later life, to the extent that many people who came into contact with him failed to see the instinctive compassion and the sometimes startling generosity.

The other, even more dominant factor in the boy's life, especially as he approached adolescence, was the growing awareness of his homosexuality. Its importance to Bacon's development, to his later life and to his vision as a painter cannot be overstated: one might reasonably say that, along with his dedicated ambition as an artist, his sexuality was the most important element in his life. Bacon would refer to himself as "completely homosexual", someone for whom no doubt or wavering had ever existed. He himself recounted one banal youthful attempt at heterosexuality with a prostitute who apparently ate chips while her client attempted intercourse; and he is reputed to have had sex, once and unsatisfactorily, with one of his favourite female friends and models, Isabel. Rawsthorne.

These, however, were the exceptions that proved the absolute homosexual rule. 'From a's far back as I can remember I used to trail about after the grooms at home." Bacon would say. "I just liked to be near them." That these grooms, with whom he admitted to having sex in his early teens, were also the ones who horsewhipped him is a tempting conjecture in the light of Bacon's sado-masochism and the tangibly violent sexuality that suffuses so much of his imagery. If indeed his father, to whom he was sexually drawn, ordered and witnessed the floggings carried out by the grooms, themselves a source of erotic excitement. then the complexity of emotions - of pain, thrill and humiliation - is sufficiently extreme to make any later violence, in life or on the canvas, almost too easy to

Frankness about himself and his "tastes" was a constant in Bacon's conversation. But although he accepted his homosexuality fully and made no attempt to disguise it, he openly regretted it on occa-sion. Being a homosexual is a defect," was the way he put it in certain moods. "It's like having a limp." It is not clear whether his initiation to sex came from the stableboys or from encounters at boarding school; but from around the age of 15, Bacon would have been more precisely aware of the nature of his sexuality than most of his contemporaries.

His early schooling was chaotic and intermittent, firstly because of his asthma and general sickliness, and secondly because Francis re-peatedly ran away from the schools he had been sent to. "I just couldn't seem to stav." was his disarming summary of the situation, and he seemed to imply that his parents were not much cona proper education or not. In the event for long periods of his childhood. Francis was simply left to his own devices: as long as he avoided his father, he could wander about the large house and extensive grounds at will. If he was not trailing after the grooms he was often to be found daydreaming — an activity which remained with him all his life and which (as with the Surrealists who were so central to

his development) enabled him to conjure up and "work" on the images he wanted to create. But Francis was always a thorn in his father's side. It was bad enough that he had

his own kin and branded an outsider. The extreme humiliation, in someone who even as an adolescent was not unaware of his superior gifts, would find expression in an equally potent rage - which encouraged him to rebel against his father's world and cause a shock as sharp and enduring as the pain it had given him. Determined to put as much

distance between himself and his punitive father as possible. Francis made for London where he embarked on a bizarre series of brief odd jobs - many of them no doubt coming his way through the homosexual underworld. "I can't say I was what's

larly absurd chapter in what

he called his "ridiculous and

ghastly" life. But his father's

disgust and dismissal wound-

ed him deeply, in a way that he

was never able to forget. Before his life had really

begun, he had been rejected by

dred pounds, which was a very large sum then, and gave it to me. It was a marvellous way to behave, and I've never ssing encounters of this kind became a staple of Bacon's first stay as a young man in London. But he could not count on them to generate

picked up by a man in Dover

Street. He was Greek but he'd

been living in London for a

long time. And he was obvi-

ously a rich man.
"Well, after we had been in

his bedroom, he went out into

the bathroom. And I started

going through his pockets. He

must have been watching me

in the mirror, because sudden-

ly he came out and said. What

are you doing Francis?". and I

said, Well you know what I'm

doing'. Then he said. You

don't have to do that. Just ask'.

And he took me down to a

bank and drew out one hun-

enough cash for a way of life that was already characterised by impetuous extravagance: while still an adolescent, he expensive restaurants and ho-Having learnt a cenir in amount about cooking from his mother, he put himself forward as a domestic servant and was taken on by a solicitor and his wife who lived in

Mecklenburgh Square in Bloomsbury. Francis's duties consisted of arriving early in the morning to prepare breakfast and clean the house, then returning in the evening to cook the couple's dinner. Although he enjoyed the cooking, Francis soon got bored and handed in his notice. "I don't know why he's going," he overheard the solicitor saying to his wife, "he never does anything." Another domestic position came to a rapid end when the new employer found Francis on his evening off having dinner with a friend at

However chequered his attempts to supplement his weekly allowance, Francis was succeeding in his main ambi-tion, which he called "simply to drift and follow my instant

- to drift and see". As Francis drifted through London's homosexual underworld, with its special glances and its meeting places, its codes and its clubs, his father decided to make one last attempt to stop his son from going completely to the bad. Among his few friends there was a relative on his wife's side called Harcourt-Smith, renowned for his manliness, who was about to leave on a trip to Berlin. Why not entrust Francis to this man's man. Eddy Bacon reasoned. With little warning. Francis found himself plucked out of the back streets of Soho and en route with his upstanding uncle to Berlin.



Francis at 16: relatives remarked on his effeminacy

choking fits and turned blue in the His father face whenever he came into contact arranged with hounds or horses. It was for him to worse when he began mentioning the fact that he might want to bewhipped come an artist of some kind, hecause regularly that in the captain's mind, could

only signify un-manly decadence and penury. er I could. And when I got to Worse still were the rumours that Francis had been about to be expelled from his school. Dean Close, for "going" with other boys. Relatives had already remarked "how like a girl" Francis could look. For fancy-dress parties in

the family circle, he would appear as an Eton-cropped flapper, complete with back-less dress, beads, and a cigarette holder so long it reached to the candles in the middle of the table. Dressed as a curate, his father stared uneasily and said nothing as Francis rolled his eyes, shook his earrings and made all the women laugh; he was too confused to know how to react. But finally, when Captain Bacon came across the effeminate, wayward 16year-old trying on his mother's underwear, his self-righteous wrath knew no bounds: Francis would have to go. He had been obliged to leave school

Francis Bacon regularly rehis father as if nothing could

Now he would be "expelled"

everything to get people to take a fancy to me, and I didn't very much care what happened after that. I remember once. when I was broke, I got myself

called moral when

I was young." Ba-con said, describ-

ing his early stay in

London through

the autumn and

winter of 1926.

"Morality is a luxu-

ry that has come on

me with age. I

think I just did

whatever I could to

get by. I'd always

stolen money from

my father whenev-

London I'd often take a room

and not pay the rent. And

then, although my parents

had always told me that I was

ugly, I found that some people

were attracted to me and thought that I was pretty at that age. So I decided to do

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DRIFTING IN BERLIN AND PARIS

In the midst of the decadence, his talent flowered

erlin in the waning years of the Weimar Republic presented the most extreme contrasts of wealth and poverty, high-bourgeois sophistication and Lumpenproletariat misery. These contrasts were to mark Francis for life. But Berlin was, above all, a place of sexual liberation and indulgence. The tough uncle with whom Francis had departed with his father's blessing turned out to be indiscrimi-nately virile. My father thought he would change me. But of course it changed absolutely nothing, because a bit later we were in bed together." Bacon recounted.

Unusually tolerant, not to say encouraging, towards all manner of sexual tastes, Berlin had evolved a nightlife capable of titillating the most jaded appetites and satisfying the least conventional desires. Naughty-girl routines featuring the ubiquitous Josephine Baker or homegrown striptease acts were commonplace, and these were supplemented by sideshows of nude dancing and female wrestling.

The city's real speciality was homosexual clubs and cabarets. male and female, and particularly what was most perverse and decadent. Boys parading in outrageous drag and Eton-cropped girls in white tie and monocle set the tone in the fashionable West

Bacon later claimed that his two months in Berlin had been a period of pure "drifting", of exploring his sexuality. But being unusually perceptive about life in general, he could not have failed to absorb the extraordinarily potent cultural

"Don't forget that I look at everything," Bacon used to established artist and in the mond to tantalise critics writing about his work. "And everything I see gets ground up very fine. In the end one never knows, certainly I myself never know, what the images in my paintings are made up of."

The visually alert young scious of the attention painters were paying to a precise rendering of reality, and he may have visited the influential "Neue Sachlichkeit" (New Objectivity) exhibition at the

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Galerie Nicrendorf early in isation of himself as an artist.

The only full-length photograph of this period of Bacon's life shows a slim youth standing by a statue in the park of Schloss Charlottenburg, on the west side of Berlin, Carefully attired in a formal suit with a neat waistcoat, and clutching a dark homburg hat and gloves in his hand, Francis looks less like the roaring boy of his own legend and much more like the gentleman's gentleman. The hair impecuably parted just to the left of centre, the high white collar and tightly knotted tie all convey an impression of respectability.

Francis's uncle had moved on some time before. "He soon got tired of me, of course, and went off with a woman," Bacon recounted in mock dis-

> **Images** from a medical textbook were his inspiration

may. "I didn't really know what to do, so I hung on for a while, and then, since I'd managed to keep a bit of money. I decided to go to

When Bacon arrived in the French capital, in the early summer of 1927, no city could have been more seductive. After the architectural dourness of Berlin, with its heavy 19th-century façades, the elegance and excitement of Paris . left a lifelong impression on Bacon, causing him to visit the city regularly later on and to live there for a while.

If he had chosen to go to Paris, it was because he was aware, like anyone with an interest in the arts at that time, of its pre-eminence as a cultural centre and the undisputed capital of style. He was drifting, to be sure, as far as possible from the constraints of his upbringing; but he was drifting with instinctive purpose towards what he needed most: the awareness and real-

The 17-year-old boy had already begun to visit the galleries within the first few weeks of his arrival. He appears to have conquered his shyness sufficiently to have gone to certain openings and mingled with the sophisticated Paris art world. It was at one of these that he met Yvonne Bocquentin, a planist and connoisseur of the arts. In-

trigued by Francis's curiosity and charm, Madame Bocquentin decided to take him in hand. She offered him room in her comfortable house near Chantilly, a short train ride from Paris, where her husband managed several large estates. She also undertook to give Francis a good grounding in French and to introduce him to all the aspects of Paris she herself found fascinating. It was the beginning of what

Madame Bocquentin's daughter, Anne-Marie Crete de Chambine, calls an amitié amoureuse. An instinctive sympathy and understanding grew between the elegant femme du monde and the diffident but clearly gifted youth. It was a mother-son relationship with the extra excitement of shared interests and the ambiguity that arose out of the pleasure they took in being constantly in each other's company. When they were not studying French (which Francis picked up with impressive speed), they would

spend the day in Paris, visiting

exhibitions and going to con-

certs or the theatre.

What is remarkable is the uncanny single-mindedness with which the intuitive but barely-educated adolescent homed in on the images that mattered most to him. If Francis had not seen Eisen-, stein's film Battleship Potemkin in Berlin, he certainly did so in Paris: in that masterpiece, it was the nurse's bloodled face and terrified scream in the Odessa Steps sequence which riveted him. Shortly after he settled in Paris, this obsession led him to find a medical book with hand-painted illustrations of diseases of

The "beautiful colours" which it showed of the inside of the mouth fascinated him: he bought the book and later kept it to hand in his studio. referring to it constantly when



Bacon photographed by Henri Cartier-Bresson: no city could have been more seductive for the artist than Paris, and there he began working seriously

he came to paint his own versions of the human cry.

The instinctive sense of purpose led him to a crucial revelation in Paris: the exhibition of drawings by Picasso which the art dealer Paul Rosenberg put on in the summer of 1927 at his gallery. Bacon repeatedly cited the 1927 exhibition of Picasso drawings as the first definitive catalyst in his development as an artist: "They made a great impression on me, and I thought afterwards, well, per-haps I could draw as well."

rom this point on, however sporadically, he began to draw and make watercolours by himself, without any technical

When the wild boy from Ireland" returned to London in 1929, he was set on a course that would not only scandalise conventional sexual and social morality. He had something far more subversive to do: to disrupt all notions of what art was and what it could express.

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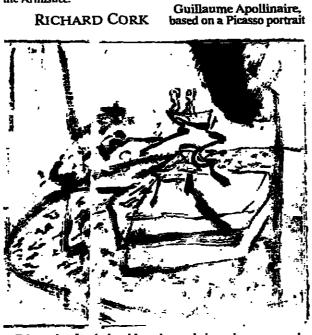
TOMORROW

A life of growing scandal and heartbreak in London

SELF-DOUBT OVER DRAWING ABILITY

IN 1991, on the last occasion I talked to Francis Bacon, he told me: "I don't think I can draw. I mean, if you asked me to draw something, I don't think I would be able to." The paintings he produced often have a pronounced linear quality, as if drawn with paint. But Bacon rarely made drawings for their own sake. The study of a raised chair

with owls, reproduced here, is close in style and subject to his paintings. But the other drawing is more surprising. He based it on a 1916 Picasso portrait of the poet Guillaume Apollinaire, whose head had been severely wounded in the First World War. Picasso drew his great friend in a highly controlled, neo-classi-cal style. But in Bacon's version Apollinaire becomes far more agitated. Bacon reveals a vulnerable figure. who was killed by influenza when Paris was celebrating





This study of a chair with owls, made in a vigourous and swift manner, is close in style to the artist's paintings



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The music of a mother and baby's love



Mothers and babies seem to understand and mirror each other, and even infants as young as two months old, who cannot form words, possess a breathtaking capacity for recognising and imitating sounds and movements



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Scientists are studying the intimate communication between a mother and her baby, reports Anjana Ahuja

and baby laughing and cooing together is to peer into a secret They seem to understand and mirror each other. and even infants as young as two months old, who cannot form words, possess a capacity for recognising and imitating sounds and movements.

They are actually making music together. Mothers speak to their infants in short. melodic bursts, and the main features of this maternal, language, called motherese, are common to mothers from all continents and cultures. By studying the musical patterns buried within, researchers at Edinburgh University are hoping to strip away some of the mystery shrouding this remarkable innate language.

The research, funded by a £59,000 grant from the Leverhulme Trust, is being led by Professor Colywn Trevarthen, from the university's cation springs from this primitive rhythmic exchange.

When a woman talks to her baby, three musical components can be picked out. There is the metrical structure, or rhythm, which is regulated by the pattern of emphasis and stress. The melodic structure reflects changes in pitch, or frequency. Then comes the timbre, or voice quality. The Edinburgh study will focus on

The actual scientific analysis will be handled by Dr Stephen Malloch, who has just completed a doctorate at Edinburgh University in the physics of music. Part of Dr Malloch's doctoral research was to develop a computer program to study timbre. which he describes as "the colour of sound," and this program will be adapted to examine the maternal voice.

"Once you have looked at pitch, loudness and duration, timbre is all the stuff left over," Dr Mailoch says. "If a violin and an oboe played the same note for the same length of time, timbre is the attribute that would allow you to recog-

To witness a mother nise that one is a violin and

one is an oboe." The researchers want to find out, for example, which vocal patterns will make a baby more alert. Which calm them down? Which encourage play-

fulness and participation in a

Apart from the timbre, the Edinburgh researchers will look at speech rhythms. When a mother speaks to her infant, her speech pattern has music." Dr Malloch says. The mother may speak for two bars and then leave a space for one or two bars. Her baby fills the gaps. This structure provides a framework for communication."

n this verbal dance. Dr Malloch adds, mother and haby are equal partners, and this equality is crucial. Experiments show that an unresponsive mother causes the infant to withdraw. "If she psychology department. It is talks without giving her baby the space to respond, the baby

> The cognitive implications are immense, according to Professor Trevarthen: shows that babies are veryaware, very competent and very complex. It is difficult to know where they get it from." There are also implications for infant developmental psychology, because the maternal voice elicits an emotional response from a baby. The baby may then learn from its mother how to respond appropriately to other adults.

As a start. Professor Trevarthen and Dr Malloch will draw on a library of audio and video tapes which show interactions between parents and their children. In order weed out the natural rhythms that mothers may adopt in everyday speech, they are also recorded talking to another adult. The growing field of music therapy will also bene-

The study will use five age groups - up to four weeks old. two-three months, 4-5 months. 6-8 months and 10-12 months. The team's first results are a expected in early 1998.

The millipedes that hurl bristles



SCIENCE BRIEFING

Nigel Hawkes owes its survival to a highly original method of defence it hurls small pads covered in Velcro-like bristles at its pursuers, tangling up their legs.

Firing line AN ancient race of millipedes

The discovery was made by Professor Thomas Eisner of Cornell University, who studies a genus of millipedes called Polyrenida. which contains about 60 species. Tiny creatures only about the size of the nail of a little finger, they pre-date insects and have survived for

more than 400 million years. In Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.
Professor Eisner reports that the millipedes have bundles or tufts of detachable bristles, tipped with three-pronged grappling hooks and sets of interlocking barbs. When attacked by ants, they flex their rears towards the attacker. momentarily displaying their tufts, and then immediately move away. The ants stop in their tracks as they try to pull

off the bristles, some becoming so entangled that they die. The beauty of the bristles is that they are perfectly suited to immobilise the ants, which are covered in tiny hairs. They are also renewable, as the millipedes shed their skins regularly throughout life, emerging each time with a fresh set of bristles. Professor Eisner says that he believes this form of defence is completely novel: other millipedes rely on irritants and poisons to discourage attack. There is nothing else like it in nature" he says.

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Norman Davies prefers the panoramic view and the populist approach in his compendium on Europe

The history man with the magpie mind

rofessor Norman Davies was born in 1939 in Bolton. Lancashire, with a high sense of purpose. Man and boy, he has been a

dogged collector of facts, languages, lists, links, jokes, maps, charts, graphs and runic symbols, His 1,350-page book, Europe: A History, reflects his mind: it is a compendium, a cornucopia, a feast, a treasure trove. How do you cook samphire? Who was Captain Condom? Whence Left and Right? Such questions attract his ravenous magpie mind. It might have been a Casaubon-like unending labour. But on St Valentine's Day dawn in Oxford in 1992, he wrote his final paragraphs, to the accompaniment of Radio 3 which for once is not playing Janacek". Then he wrote the "gapsules" with their intrigucomputer headwords Tempus, Ludi, Demos, Hyste-

ria, Codpiece — and all in longhand. "I write very clearly and very fast. I came second in the Children's Newspaper national handwriting competi-The sense of history began

at home. His name sounds Welsh - but he did some delving and discovered that some vicar misspelt Davis. Nevertheless Professor Davies has become attached to things Welsh, which means foreign. Did you know that the 'gal' or wal in Portugal, Galicia, Pays de Galles, Wales, Cornwall, Calais, Galicia, Galatia, Caledonia and Galloway all share

the same Celtic root?" Along with a CV listing innumerable degrees, diplomas and visiting professor-ships, Professor Davies sent me a postcard listing topics for discussion. One was "learned ignoramuses" - historians who, deluged with informaties, study tiny fragments of history, ignoring the bigger

picture. They retire into their little plots, never look over the fence, and lose the ability to communicate with the general public." Like Dr Roy Strong and Felipe Fernandez-Armesto, he prefers the panoramic view and the popular approach.

The first topic on his postcard was "Wasted Lives". Two uncles, both 19, were killed in the First World War: his father's brother Norman, due to be the first member of the family to go to Oxford, was killed the day after arriving in France: his mother's brother, James, died on Armistice Day 1918. The day after the celebrations, the family got the King's telegram to say he was dead. "I was always told: You have the chance they didn't, so don't

Norman was a sickly infant, kept alive only by the determination of his upright, puritanforher from the billiam saloons and propelled him





sity, she transferred her driving ambition to Norman. How could he not succeed?

His father's eldest brother was Donny Davies, Lancashire cricketer, England footballer and Manchester Guardian journalist, a polymath of the Neville Cardius-type and a wireless personality in the 1950s, who wrote vividly about sport, opera, literature and music. "He was the idol of my life." Professor Davies says. "His own son had died, and I became a substitute son." Uncle Don taught Norman to play cricket and to curb the purple in his prose. But in February 1958, Donny Davies travelled to Belgrade with Manchester United and was

> 'History is in the hands of people who know nothing'

one of those killed in the

Munich air crash. From this inspiring background (another aunt was an early Cambridge student) young Norman became the boy sitting under the Christmas table reading a book while everyone else was eating tur-key". A little swot? "No — I was on the school soccer team at 14." Still, he was notorious at school for entering himself for exams nobody else took.

He remains indebted to the enlightenment of his masters at Bolton School. The history master taught his boys Italian before taking them to Florence. The geography master used French textbooks for Slevel. Norman fulfilled everyone's hopes with an exhibition to Magdalen at 17, playing football for Oxford and captaining college tennis.

A. J. P. Taylor took him under his wing, "as a Lancashire lad loose in Oxford". though he later "couldn't stomach" AJP's views on Eastern Europe. "AJP was full of contradictions: he had these leftwing views, and a romantic attachment to proletarian Lancashire, yet he was brought up in the posh end of Southport ... He was very kind to his students, but vicious about his

Professor Davies engrossed in Alan Bennett's Talking Heads. Bennett had been his reluctant medieval history tutor - "usually asleep when we arrived for a tutorial - and while we were reading our

a knack of unintentionally causing trouble. When he taught French at St Paul's School, his corduroys, sandals and black shirt identified him as the bolshie type. "I was persecuted," he says, "for dar-High Master (Tom Howarth, father of Alan Howarth MP) to play soccer with the boys. The rugger masters said 'you will not kick a round ball on the hallowed turf of a founder member of the Rugby Union'. But we entered the public schools' six-a-side soccer cup - and got to the semi-final".

professor at the School of Slavonic Studies, he was emotionally and professionally bound to Polish wives. A profile from a Polish paper is headlined Brat Celt (Brother Celt). He is revered and idolised in Poland. Until 1989, all his books were banned: underground editions were seized by the police. Since the collapse of communism, his book God's Playground is required read-When he goes there, crowds of teenagers flock to hear him.

to Dachau, was rearrested by the Russians in 1945, for evil monsters was our ally."

This is what he seeks to dismantle: the distorted, atavistic bias of each nation's wartime memories. "Look at this," he says, brandishing the Imperial War Musem's Holocaust exhibition folder, with its map showing concentration camp sites. "Does anything strike you as odd? The man is of pre-war Poland, not of the Greater Reich. History is in the hands of people who know nothing, as the new Nobel Prizewinner, Wislawa Szymborska, says. European history is traditionally written as though Eastern Europe, the larger half of the Continent, didn't exist. I liken it to a

pletely ignores the right leg." Professor Davies (now Emeritus) teaches a London University course, Themes from European History. "because students coming up with good grades know nothing about 90 per cent of history

A CARLES WARRESCO

When we met, I found

essays he'd fall asleep again". Like A.J.P. Taylor before him, Davies quickly displayed

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and East European Poland. He has married two ing in schools and universities.

His first Polish father-inlaw, arrested in 1939 and sent having survived. "The NKVD forerunner of the KGB tortured him on the same table in the same police station where he was arrested by the SS in 1939. Our view of the Second World War is goodies fighting baddies - but one of the chief

textbook of anatomy that com-



Norman Davies, a Lancashire lad let loose on Oxford: "My whole career has been doing things which weren't fashionable"

the ancient world, the classical tradition, the Reformation. All they have studied is two periods in depth. Students study more and more about less and less, while the wider perspectives are

forgotten."
Though Professor Davies lives in Oxford, connected with St Antony's, he remains in the wings of an academic establishment noted for jealous rivalries. "As someone said," he says, "the only reason why academic life is so vicious is because the stakes are so low." He maintains that if he had been "sucked into a fellowship of an Oxford college" he would never have written so much. "My whole career has been doing things which weren't fashionable." But the Oxford history depart ment has invited him to give the special faculty lecture -"East and West in European

History" — next month.

God's Playground was dedicated to his older son, Daniel. Europe: A History is dedicated to 10-year-old Christian, who can't remember a time when Daddy wasn't writing it, "No prizes for finding the black cat," reads the cryptic dedication. Explain, please. "One day Christian came up to my study, and together we slipped 'the black cat' into the text and it's got through all the OUP's finest copy editors ..."

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The French word *cra-*vate. "necktie", has been taken into almost every European language. In German, it is krawatte, in Spanish, corbata, in Greek, gravata, in Romanian, cravata, in standard Polish, krawat. In English, it acquired the special meaning of a linen or silk handkerchief passed once or twice round the neck outside the shirt

collar". In the standard French Littre, it is given two alternative meanings: "1. Cheval de Croatie. 2. Piece d'etoffe legere que les hommes et quelquefois les dames mettent autour du cou." Al



sources agree that it derives from an old form of the adjective for "Croat" or, as a Croat would have said, hrvati. Exactly how an East European adjective became attached to one of the commonest items of European clothing is a matter for conjecture. One theory holds that Napoleon admired the scarves worn by Habsburg soldiers. This is clearly a misattribution, since Littre cites Voltaire using the word long before Napoleon was born: "Vous figurez-vous ce diable habille d'écarlate?... Un serpent lui sert de cravate." (Do you see this devil dressed in scarlet? ... He's wearing a snake in place of a cravat.)

Louis XIV is perhaps nearer the mark. Croat mercenaries at Versailles are the likeliest source of the fashion. At all events, people who deny the influence of Europe's smaller nations should remember the Croats have the rest of us by the throat. In Croatia, men can adorn their necks either with the native masna, or with the reimported kravata.

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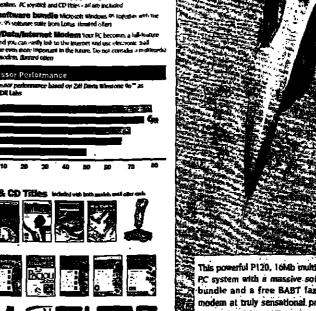
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ACCOMMODATING EVA: Dille Keane plays an illegal Albanian Immigrant who stakes neat revenge on the lawyer who switch her horn her flat. Tom Dulack directs Syvia Freedman's rew comedy King's Heset, 115 Upper Smert, N1 (017): 226 1918). Opens tongin, 7 30pm. Then Tue-Sal, 8pm. mats Sat and Sun, 3.30pm

DEWEY REDMAN: The acclaims American tenor saxophonist arrives in London for a week. In the past Redmi has collaborated with Omeric Colema Charlie Haden and Kerth Jarrett. Ronnie Scott's, 47 Fnth Street, W1

(0171-439 0747) Doors open 8 30pm. LONDON PHILIHARMONIC ORCHESTRA: Repeal of last Safurday's concert performance of Mozart's darkly comic opera. Don Govarnal, Sir George Soft conducts the LPO with the London

Voices and a distinguished cast including Renée Flaming and Ann Munay Bryn Teriel sings the role of the ardem Don Festivel Hall, South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242) Tonight, 7,pm. (2) SIEGERIED Segined Jerusalem returns to the Opera House to take on the role of his namesales in the third installment of Wagner's tetralogy, Der Ring des Nitoelungen. Richard Jones's

☐ SLOOD WEDDING: Alexandra Gibreath and Jasper Britton play the passonate lovers in Lonca's tragedy. Ten Supple directs a new version by Ted Hughes, with music by Adnan Lee Young Vic. 88 The Cut. SET (0171-928 6363), Mon-Sat, 7 30pm; mars Sat (Oct 26, Nov 2), 2 30pm. Until November 2.

CASH ON DELIVERY Bradley Wash in his first leading West End role
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benofit fraud, written by Michael Cooney,
directed by his dad, Ray
Whitehalf, Whitehal, SWH (0171-36)
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8-30pm; mail Wed, 3pm.

☐ THE PLIGHT INTO EGYPT Paloma Beara, Paul Jesson and Con C'Ned in Julian Gamer's (ascinating play concerned with anti-Samutism and survival in Poland, 1938 to 1946 Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NWS (0771-722 9301), Mon-Sai, 8pm,

☐ HORACE: Comelle's great tragedy, set in Rome's earliest years, where love is frustrated by the call to arms. The is included by the call of arms, fire exposure of perverted theforic still feels relevant. Directed by Sydnee Blake Lyric Studio, King Street, Hammersmith, Wild (1918)-741 (2311) Mon-Set, 8pm (except Oct 12, 8 15pm), mai Sat, 4,30pm Unitil Oct 19 ☐ LAUGHTER ON THE 29RD

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◆ THE NUTTY PROFESSOR (12): Lively it vulgar reworking of the old Jerry Lewis film, with Eddie Murphy as the misfit professor who creates a steek after

THEATRE GUIDE

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WOOLF? Dana Rigg and David Sucher
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Flamenco meets rock as the dazzling Joaquin Cortes comes to the Albert Hall **OPENS:** Thursday **REVIEW: Saturday**

RANCHESTER: One long-standing statiwart of British musical file celebrates another as the Nash Ensemble marks the 60th anniversary of the Manchester Concert Society with a gata concert leaturing works by Prokofiev, Mozart and Powelfer. TODAY'S CHOICE A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Marit Hargie

> and Nigel Lowery's controverstal production reinterprets the work for a modern audience fusing archetypel images with a vision of contemporary malesia. Bernard Hallfirk conducts. Royal Opera House, Covert Garden, WC2 (0171-304 4000) Tonight, Sprii (2) **ELSEWHERE**

BRIGHTON: Good Company arrives in fown with a production of Hard Times, Dicters's tase of power, politics and unrequised love. A star-studded cast includes Jamet Brown, Ken Ferningdon and Philip Medico. Sue Pomeroy directs. Theatre Royal, New Proad, Brighton (01273 328488). Tonight-Sat. 7 45pm; mats Trurs, 2.30pm and Sat. 4pm

CHELTENHAM: The Complete Works of William Shekespeare (abndged) the RSC's (Reduced Shakespeare Company) popular, potty rough-handing of the Bard companies its quest to continues its quest

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account of working among a learn of scriptwriters for connection Sid Caesar back in the 1950s, fighting squirst time and philiptine producers. Gene Wilder plays Sid. Otractad by Roger Halnes, responsible for lest year's Manchester resolution.

produceron Queen's, Shaflesbury Avenue, W1 [0171-494 5040], Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 2 30pm, Sat 4pm,

CI SARRASINE: Bette Bourne, Beverley Klein and François Testory are joined by Sara Kestehman in Nel Bartlet's facinating adaptation of Battan's talle of the last of the castrati

Music by Nicolas Bloomfield. Lyric, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (0181-741 2311). Mon-Set, 7.30pm; mat Sat (Oct 12), 2.30pm. Lintil October 12.

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POOLE: One of the world's leading mime artists, Lindsary Kemp, brings his new show, Varieté, on national tour. The work — a musical — draws its inspiration from Büchner's Woyzack and Chapin's The Circus.
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LONDON GALLERIES

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Trials of a court reporter his corner seat, staring through dark glasses at his prosecutors. Hearing

THEATRE: All the world's crime is a stage for Nicolas Kent; plus French drama

something that displeases him. he whips off his earphones. Next to him sits the ramrod figure of Field-Marshal Kentel, a model of Prussian obedience. listening attentively to every word. These are familiar images, reproduced countless times, but there is a difference. The Nazi leaders, the prosecutors and witnesses are actors, the cast of Nicolas Kent's production of Nuremberg — War Crimes Trial, returning to the Tricycle Theatre for its second run this year, and due to play each evening after a similar courtroom drama, Srebrenica.

The two Bosnian Serb leaders considered responsible for the atrocities that followed the fall of Srebrenica last September will not be represented on the Tricycle stage. International arrest warrants have been issued against Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic but their present whereabouts are said to be unknown - or, if known, the peacekeeping forces have not been issued with precise orders to go and capture them. Fortunately, the War Crimes Tribunal in The Hague has the legal authority to try suspected criminals in their absence. They have done so this summer, and from the transcripts of the trial Kent has put together a documentary drama that shockingly shows, exactly 50 years after Nuremberg, how ethnic cleansing and genocide can still ravage the face of Europe.

Kent has been artistic director of the Tricycle for 12 years. Before that he worked at the Oxford Playhouse, and in the 1970s at the Traverse in Edinburgh. In each theatre he has made use of the courtroom format to present issues he passionately believes should be publicly aired. "At the Traverse we used to do what we called Traverse Trials on Sunday evenings. We had subjects such as 'Scottish Oil for Scotland', 'Should We Abolish the Monarchy? They weren't scripted but we had a prosecutor and a defence lawyer, and the audience was the jury. They were enormously popular.

AARGH. Offstage, Camilla has just been put to the sword. This is Corneille's Roman tragedy about wives and warriors, about "feminine" tenderness and flinty codes of duty, about intermarried famdivided by state hostilities.

Camilia has dared to be heartbroken and bitter after her brother Horatius has slain Curiatius, her betrothed. The two noblemen have stalwartly gone into battle against each other because internecine war has been declared. Camilla is now heard biting the dust, terminated for dislovalty by her adamant brother. Her



"So when I went to Oxford and the Romans in Britain obscenity trial was on, I had the idea of putting together the transcripts each day and presenting them on the stage night by night. We had two reporters in court transcribing evidence, and someone edited it on the train up to Oxford.

Then, when I came to the Tricycle, they had just put the Arts Council on trial, because the theatre was about to lose its grant. There was so little money here that the desks were old doors slung over two chests of drawers, and they had to use the previous year's diaries with the dates changed.

address contemporary issues. That's tribunal was being set up. Richard

why we did the Scott inquiry in Half the Picture. Sir Richard Scott wouldn't allow the inquiry to go on television, and although you could read bits of it in the paper you didn't get the overall view. I rang Richard Norton-Taylor and asked if he would write an edited transcript, and the result was immensely interesting because it gave the audience a chance to see all the issues. and see them communally. We were invited to play in the Houses of Parliament - and finally the show was televised, which was an irony.

"With Nuremberg it seemed a good idea to look at the 1946 trials, especially "I believe theatre has a duty to in the light of the fact that The Hague

Goldstone, the tribunal's chief prosec tor, a really excellent man, came over and saw Nuremberg and said to me: 'It's very important that you come over to The Hague to see the hearings."
"When I listened to the horrifying

evidence I was appalled that so little media coverage was being given to it in this country. I mean, here we are, 50 years after the war that we vowed must never happen again, the Holocaust and the gas chambers, and it's all been going on a 90-minute flight away."

JEREMY KINGSTON • Nuremberg and Srebrenica are at the Tricycle, Kilburn High Road, NW6 (017)-328 1000) from Thursday

Camilla saves the day

final cry is enough to bring you to your knees.

Esther Hall's touching, natface it, the only thing making life tolerable in Ancient Rome as recreated by the Damned Poets Theatre Company. The macho heroes are hopeless in Sydnee Blake's staging. Their leather-clad pecs may be bulging but these are bizarrely feeble fellows. Alex McSweeney's Curiatius just looks mildly awkward working himself up for the fray,

Lyric Studio, W6

thwacking his breast, showing us his armpits. Meanwhile, Jake Nightingale's Horatius forces his wife to choose between himself and Curiatius (her brother) in a monotone more likely to induce sleep than suicidal grief.

English-speakers are not instinctively grabbed by conversations in formal metres full of Brownjohn's new translation sensibly converts Corneille into relatively free pentameters but he cannot stop everybody holding forth about

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OPERA

A little goes a long way

OF ALL the British opera companies, Scottish Opera is the one most visibly under threat from cuts in funding from a Scottish Arts Council that barely bothers to disguise its hostility to the company. Whether or not it is an astute move on the company's part to open its season with a production that both advertises its poverty and makes a virtue of it remains to be seen. "OK," you can hear the SAC saying, if you can do a show as good as this with no money, we'll give you even less."

The budget for this Theatre Royal Idomeneo is plainly minimal. It is both produced and designed by the young Scottish director David McVicar — there, a fee saved already. There is a plain wooden stage surrounded by blacks. No props. save for a mask of Neptune and a throne. No costume changes from operatic red for the principals, contemporary

> Idomeneo Glasgow

black for the chorus. I saw one wig, maybe two.

The advantage is that the action is concentrated on the young cast, and when something does happen visually a shower of petals, the chorus entering with candles, the near-blinding light for the Happy End - the effect is doubled. But in principle, scenery is replaced by McVicar's eloquent chorus groupings, and by Ace

McCarron's gentle lighting. Furthermore, to have an Idamante (Toby Spence) who looks to be in his mid-teens Randle) still in his thirties somehow sharpens the central conflict. Spence's incompre-hension at his father's brutal rejection of him is as moving as Randle's inexpressible helplessness. With the burgeoning of young love between Spence and Lisa Milne's Ilia suggested with equal sensitivity, the ingredients for an emotionally explosive account of the great third-act quartet are all in place. Claire Rutter's slow-

fuse Elettra playing her part. Milne is one of those sopranos who lives and breathes music, and Rutter has the technique for both a lyrical Idol mio and a hair-raisingly accurate Mad Scene. Spence's warmly communicative Idamante gave constant pleasure. Maybe Randle isn't entirely at home with the coloratura of Idomeneo's Fuor del mar, but he is a singer who thinks, feels and believes everything he does.

RODNEY MILNES | Greig Cooke in the world premiere of Alston's Okho

Fruit bowl by appointment

Ros Drinkwater

on Viscount Linley's latest work, from

pencils to a book

e is the man who said no to Hello!, It gets better. When Hello! went ahead with its story, authenticating it with posed photographs the magazine had bought in, he demanded, and got, a published apology. But then David Albert Charles Armstrong Jones, Viscount Linley, has always enjoyed bucking the trend. He is famous for being the first working royal, the least royal of the royals, and the lady he refers to as granny is the first Queen Elizabeth to gift-wrap carpentry tools.

Linley has his father's offbeat sense of humour, a relaxed, easy manner and an infectious enthusiasm for all matters relating to wood. This month sees the publication of his latest book. Extraordinary Furniture, a lavishly illustrated tome with an erudite text calculated to send the reader in search of the originals.

He hopes it will be "a coffee-table book you'll keep in the car". His criteria in selecting the pieces were rarity, design, craftsmanship and, in some cases, the amazing stories behind their making. Among the furniture-maker's favourites are the Murray cabinet by John Channon. simple and elegant and beautifully made"; a Regulator Clock by the Breguets — "it has a little oven in the bottom to make it more accurate"; and Shaker built-in storage, "fantas-

tic, Conran 100 years early". Linley employs 17 design and sales staff at his Pimlico headquarters, a stone's throw from the flat where his father courted his mother. By 9.30am heads are bent over drawings of what Sir Roy Strong has predicted will be the "antiques of the future".

"In the past people had things handed down to them. Today the spaces we live in are very much smaller and it's hard to find things that fit, My granny's generation would have bought a nice Georgian table, a nice Georgian linen press,



David Linley with one of his "beautiful and useful" creations, a fruit bowl: "I believe there are very few shapes that are aesthetically pleasing"

and that would have made up a bedroom, but nowadays it's probably cheaper to have something made."

When Linley set up business in 1985 handcrafted furniture was in the doldrums. "The whole idea of making things had a deeply untrendy feel to it, one was thought to be quite odd. The mass market controlled design because of money and manufacturing methods. I believe design should be the most important element. John Makepeace was the furniture-maker who brought the old skills back into the public domain, and Conran turned the corner by combining manufacture, design and price people could buy something, take it home in the back of the car and put it together. I was one of them, and I

very much enjoyed that whole experience."

Over the years Linley's style has matured. He has lost his early enthusiasm for primary colours and outrageous shapes, and adheres to the classical golden rule of "beautiful and useful". "Critics often complain that we

don't come up with anything new, but early on I realised that I was in danger of falling prey to fashion, and began to study designs of the past. I looked for pieces that had stood the test of time and tried to incorporate some of these ideas into my own work. I believe that there are very few shapes that are aesthetically

has its disadvantages. "The door looks more frightening to a punter. we have to try three times as hard. I've spent 11 years explaining that it's not a hobby, that I really do have to

earn my living." What the punter is offered ranges from a solid walnut pencil at El (and a true collector's item: walnut is so hard the pencils broke the machine, and future stocks will be made of a less robust timber), to more ambitious items such as the Sevres cabinet planned as the firm's contribution to the millennium application.

Five years ago Linley and his team thought it might be fun to make an object that would be a talking-point. Being twelfth in line to the throne A chance meeting on a train to

Shanghai led to an invitation to tour the Sevres factory in Paris. "To my surprise, the last time a Sevres plaque was put into a piece of furniture was 150 years ago." The finished piece will be a large collector's cabinet, English walnut, crafted to demonstrate every carpentry skill, with inset Sevres panels depicting English and French architecture.

Recently Linley and Serena, his wife of three years, moved into their new home, the top floor of a converted Victorian school, but don't hold your breath for a magazine spread. "The furniture's still moving about on a daily basis. We've painted it white and we'll let it evolve."

Extraordinary Furniture is published by Mitchell Beazley this month (£40)

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THINGS are improving at the Bridgewater Hall: the Halle Orchestra is beginning to make positive use of the acoustic characteristics of the

drama

It is not enough, after all, for an orchestra to enjoy the luxury of each of its members being able to hear the others. What matters is the effect on the audience. Kent Nagano and the Halle have to work on that, as they clearly were doing in a well-coloured and highly profiled account of the second half of Mahler's Eighth Symphony. The reward for their efforts was the kind of ovation the Halle might have had in the opening concerts if it had offered sensible programmes and had been given a little more time to get used to the place.

Serious problems remain. even now. The first half of the Mahler, the Veni creator spiritus, was an acoustic mess in that the orchestral, choral and

Hallé/Nagano Manchester

solo vocal sounds were illbalanced, unblended, and curiously difficult to locate. Whatever the inadequacies of the Free Trade Hall, it did present a cohesive texture rather than a mass of tangents. But the old hall was never put to the test of having to cope

with the opposite extremes represented by the two parts of Mahler's Eighth in an authentically full-scale performance - the strenuous and elaborate contrapuntal activity of the Veni creator spiritus on the one hand, and the celestial setting of the closing scene of If the Bridgewater Hall

failed the first part of the test it was not for lack of effort on the part of the Hallé Choir, the Sheffield Philharmonic Chorus, the Chorus of the Royal Northern College of Music and the Manchester Boys' Choir. They were all heard to much better effect in the second half, which was not only brilliantly structured thanks partly to Nagano's bold tempo choices) but also sensitively calculated and thrillingly executed.

GERALD LARNER

In pursuit of purity **Richard Alston** nian in its assertion of female

AFTER launching itself in the exotic grandeur of the Natural History Museum nine days ago, this year's Dance Umbrella festival has moved back into the theatre, where for the next month two dozen productions at the "cutting edge" of contemporary dance will be showcased. Cutting edge is not a term

one would apply to Richard Alston, who must surely now qualify as one of the elder statesman of British dance. Alston choreographed his first work in 1968; in 1972 he formed his first company. Today he makes dances for his new troupe, formed in 1994 out of the ashes of what was London Contemporary Dance Theatre. His style remains rigorous-

ly spare, allowing nothing to

Oueen Elizabeth Hall

interfere with his pursuit of purity. And his choice of music continues to challenge precon-ceived choreographic notions. Earlier this year he choreo-graphed to Birtwistle; his Umbrella premiere. Okho, is set to lannis Xenakis.

Okho is in two parts. The first is Okho, written for djembes - large African drums - which are played live on stage. The choreography is for five men, who move in surprisingly fluid phrases. given the percussive storm being generated by the musicians. Alston's writing is often placed through the rhythm. rather than on it, although

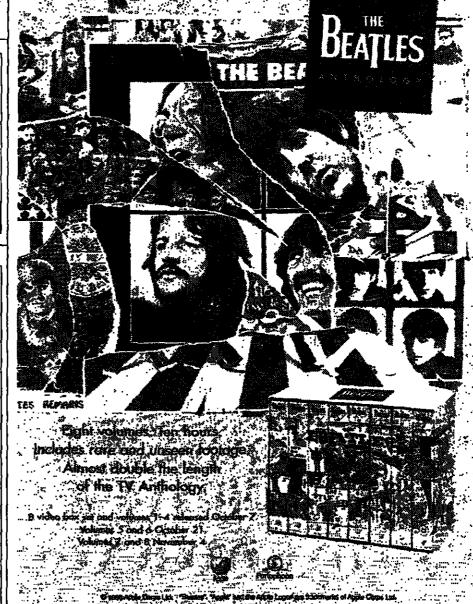
you begin to feel the force that his choreography could have if he allowed himself a little more heart and a little less

The second part is set to Xenakis's companion piece Psappha, whose ritualistic percussion provides the musical impetus for five women. The choreography for them is

strength. But no matter how fluent Alston reveals himself to be as a constructor of steps, there is the nagging sense that everything in Okho is imbued with an arid sameness. There may be no low points, but there are no high points either.

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■ The apparatchiks of the leader have an unsmiling perfectionism which I find chilling

funny thing happened to me on my way from the Winter Gardens. It was the evening after Tony Blair's speech. I had joined a triend for a drink in a senfront hotel. There we found another friend, chatting to someone I had not met. We were introduced. This was a prospective parliamentary candidate for Labour and a devout Christian socialist. A youngish chap, he seemed personable and bright.

In retrospect i should have picked up a couple of warning signs: my habitual cynical banter about politics and politicians drew from him a blank look; but I brushed this aside. After chatting for a while, one of us suggested that the four of us look for some supper.

Walking up the North Promenade, we discussed Mr Blair's speech, full of grand promises and visionary language. I am chilled by this sort of thing, and, the only Tory in the group. I attacked it with vigour as we walked

along, offering The young imitations of the Labour leader's men around sweeping gesticu-Tony Blair lations and arguing (not I hope, have no without humour) roots, and that there was something Moscertainly no levite about the sense of repeated appeals to national destihumour ny. I should have noticed that my

He stopped in his tracks. "I cannot stay in this company," he said. Turning round, he headed back.

new companion had fallen

The three of us were stunned. One of my two friends ran off to try persuading him to rejoin us. When neither returned, I rang my friend's mobile phone and left a recorded message of apology. This was genuine: to offend someone who has done you no harm makes you feel bad: and I did feel bad. Apparently my apology was received, but I had no

The next day at the Winter Gardens I saw him coming down a corridor struck me as unreasonable that he had not rejoined us the previous evening, but the morning after. I thought, would be a good chance to make up. I said hello. Avoiding my eyes, he half-responded, quickened his pace and walked past. That afternoon, sitting with a woman from the Stonewall Group at a pavement table opposite the Winter Gardens and eating a sand-wich, I saw him forced by the crash barriers to walk past me again. Again I said hello. This time he ignored

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me completely. Well. you can't win 'em all. It takes two to make enemies and I feel towards this person not so much hostility as incredulity. Obviously it was a mistake not to notice that he felt so intensely involved with what Mr Blair's team call "The Project" — but surely not a mistake that an apology could not redress?
After all, I myself feel
(personally) very friendly
towards John Major, and
strongly approve of him politically too - sometimes the relentless abuse directed at him can make me grit my teeth - but, good heavens, if I had stormed out of every social gathering in which people made Major jokes or performed Major imitations, I should have had very little company these

past six years. Besides, some anti-Major jokes are funny. We do still make jokes about our political leaders, don't we? Or is it, perhaps, different, now, for new Labour and its supporters? Are they now bound to view their leaders as spearhearing something more than a political party:

a national, moral crusade? A colleague who rementbers these things tells me it is beginning to remind him of a US-inspired movement called Moral Rearmament during the Cold War. I have even wondered whether,

having been identified as a journalist who is decidedly not "on board", i was viewed as dangerous company in which to be seen laughing and joking over a meal, after Mr Blair's speech. Am I becoming paranoid - or are they?

At Blackpool last week there was something about the young men who seemed to be at the core of The Project which tugged insistently at my memory. Who did they resemble, these curiously blank-faced and unsmiling people, these pallid men with the eyes of the

es: it was the appara-

tchiks of the Thatcher L cult, around the mid 1980s: young men, machine men, men who had no roots in the intellectual traditions she inherited — the ideas of Keith Joseph, Peter Thorneycroft, Nick Ridley - but who instead had adopted the Thatcher Project as one might adopt a marketing strategy, a company song or a business plan. How little place in Mr Blair's new model army there seems to be for the people who challenged the Left when it actually took guts to do so -Roy Hattersley, Peter Shore, Gerald Kaufman, Gwynneth Dunwoody. Too dishevelled, too eccentric, too damn human. New Labour's strange failure to acknowledge its antecedents, seems to me profoundly significant.

Quite separately, two friends asked me if I had seen a film called The Stepford Wives, By brainwashing, reprogramming and lobotomy, the men in Stepford produced custommade spouses intended to approach perfection. "Such perfection," said Beatrice Webb of Oswald Mosley "argues rottenness somewhere." Get ready, then, for the Stepford People. I think I've just met one.

Most Tories realise the single currency would be a disaster, and John Major should accept it too

think John Major probably feels that the next election is finally slipping out of his grasp. Both in Dublin and in his interview yesterday with Sir David Frost, he appeared irritable, uncomfortable and defensive. As his greatest political skill has been to present himself as reasonable, moderate and friendly. this must be a bad sign. He is approaching what will probably be his last Conservative Party conference as Prime Minister on the defensive on two issues, both of which have plagued his administration from early years. Europe and

calm confidence he used to possess. I would agree with him that the Conservative Party is basically an honest party and that British political life is, by international standards, very free from corruption. However, his explanation of his own actions in the aborted Guardian libel case is surprising. He told David Frost that he had been responsible for supporting the amendment to the Defamation Bill, which allowed Neil Hamilton to waive his parliamentary privilege and proceed with the case, and had himself been willing to appear in the witness hox, because he wanted the truth to emerge. John Major has thererfore done everything in his power to encourage Neil Hamilton to sue The Guardian. That was a strange mistake. As it turned out, the action was disastrous for Neil Hamilton, who had to withdraw at the doors of the court, and make a contribution to the Guardian's Trust. It has been almost equally damaging to the Government, which faces new publicity about payments to Members just when the Conservative Party was trying to recover its morale before the election campaign. Even if Neil Hamilton and Ian Greer had pursued their action and won, the libel hearing would have lasted for

sleaze. No wander he is losing the

This is fraud, not democracy

city. It would have been a political disaster. The Prime Minister did not have a duty to expose his Government to these risks, to the certainty of being damaged, for the satisfaction of having Mohamed Al Fayed's accusations tested in the open. It did not make political sense, and John Major is not an amateur politician.

His position on Europe remains unsatisfactory, even after Saturday's article in The Times and his further explanations to David Frost. In The Times, the Prime Minister put the issue in this way: "Whether or not to join a single currency, if one comes into being, will be one of the most important economic and political choices to face this country in decades. The plain truth is that - whether we are in or out - we have a strong interest in shaping the decisions still to be taken. We can only do that if we stay at the table." The ambiguity of this statement is immediately apparent. There is one issue in the first sentence (join or not join), and another issue in the second (stay or leave the table). John Major treats these two different propositions as though they were identical. Obviously they are not. He repeated this unfortunate ambiguity in replying to

It is the principle of British law that no Parliament can bind its successors. It is the principle of democracy that parties should be frank about their intentions when seeking election. What John Major has been asked is that the Conservative Party should state whether it intends, if

elected, to join or not to join the European single currency in the next Parliament. A similar question is put to the Labour Party. If John Major were to state that he did not intend to joint the single currency in the next Parliament, it would mean that no Conservative Government would join in the first stage. That would, in any case, be difficult, since Britain is not a member of the exchange-rate mechanism, which is one of the criteria, Such a Conservative pledge would obviously not commit a Lab-

our government, if elected, or the Conservatives in any subsequent Parliament. But it would tell the electorate what the Government intended to do.

This is not at all the same thing as leaving the negotiating table. Such a commitment would not even necessarily weaken our negotiating position. At present. Britain is widely seen as acting in bad faith. Most European countries think that the present Government would not in fact join the single currency but is not honest enough to admit it. So long as we are members of the European Union, we have every right to participare in the discussions about a single currency even if Britain. like half the European nations, would not be joining in the first phase. Leaving the negotiating table, is not what the argument is about.

In the first interview, John Major gave his full backing to Kenneth Clarke, who has made no secret of the fact that he is strongly in favour of Britain joining the single currency. Mr Major referred to the Chancellor as his "ally". An ally against whom? That too was made apparent. The Prime Minister said that he hoped his argument would convince his "colleagues". That is a word that politicians use about fellow members of the Cabinet. Mr Major was declaring that he regarded Kenneth Clarke as his "ally" against those Cabinet "colleagues" who want the Tories to state at the next election whether or not a Conservative government would join the single currency. It is hard to recall a Prime Minister making it so clear that his Cabinet is split on "one of the most important economic and political choices to face this country in decades".

ost people imagine that John Major does not ▼
 believe that joining the European single currency would be in Britain's best interests, and that he has decided to keep his options open in the interests of party unity. Yet the majority of Tories now believe that joining the single currency would be a disaster for Britain because it would destroy democratic control of economic policy and would result

over time in the rising unemploy-ment which has already been experienced by Germany. France, Italy and enced by Germany, France, trary and Spain. The question has, therefore, become one of trust. If John Major wins the next election, can those who are opposed to British membership of the single currency trust him not to take Britain in, despite them?

The historical record is not good. John Major can talk Euro-scepticism to the Euro-sceptics, but he was the Chancellor who took Britain into the exchange-rate mechanism: he was the Prime Minister who signed the Maastricht treaty, who pushed it through the House of Commons with the most ruthless whipping for a generation, who repeatedly refused the referendum which was allowed to Denmark, France and Ireland. Why should we believe that he is a closet Euro-sceptic, when all his actions have been Euro-federalist? He now says he would have a referendum, but who is to know how that debate might be dressed up? He says he is the "ally" and "close friend" of the Cabinet's leading advocate of the single currency, against the "colleagues" who are opposed. With this Prime Minister, you know that he must be selling the dunimy to somebody - either to the anti-federalists or to his "close friend". Why should the anti-federalists believe that it is Kenneth Clarke who would eventually prove to have been deceived?

The European single currency is due to start on January 1, 1999. The most likely date for the British general election is May 1, 1997, just 19 months earlier. The decision whether to join will therefore have to be taken almost immediately after the general election. Neither major party is willing to tell the electorate whether it intends to join or not; the Labour Party does not even explicity promise a referendum. This is not democracy: it is fraud. The national resentment against that fraud is likely to fall much more heavily on John Major

Safety first isn't enough

Peter Riddell

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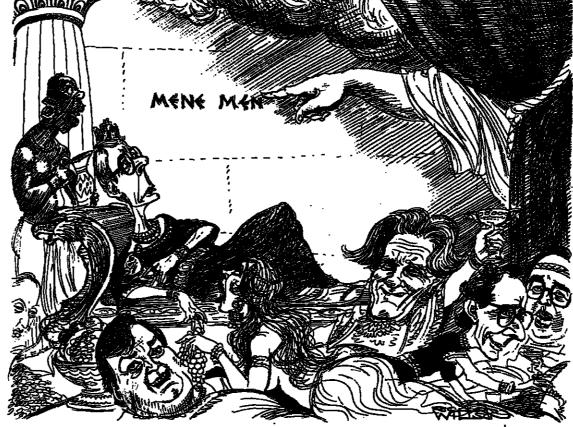
doubt in the public mind

The Tories do have a case for re-election. Admittedly it is less a resounding clarion call than a plea in mitigation, of the "better the devil you know" kind, as John Major admitted yesterday. But even that may now be largely irrelevant. The public wants a change of government, of ministers as much

as measures. The Tories have lost that most vital commodity for any party in office, the public's trust. Two-thirds believe the Government is tired, stale and has run out of steam, and there is very little ministers can do about this. Almost all the suggestions likely to be made in Bournemouth this week would either split the party or destroy its remaining economic credibility. The consequent mood of fatalism compounded by the latest very damaging "sleaze" allegations - is shared by most ministers and Tory MPs, whose main aim now is to minimise the scale of defeat and to save their own seats.

No wonder Mr Major looked tense yesterday on Breakfast with Frost. In face of the failings of some in his party, it is remarkable how he can still be as robust as he is. Increasingly, he looks like a figure out of classical tragedy: an underrated and well-intentioned ruler never able to master fractious and flawed colleagues, condemned to survive, but

ultimately to defeat. The frustration for the Tories is that at last they have a coherent strategy. It rests on Mr Major's "Honest John" image: a Stanley Baldwin for the 1990s, the reasonable, decent and unflashy manager



tackling the nation's affairs in a commonsense way in the interests of ordinary people like him. It is, of course, a bit rich for the Tories to claim to be the workers' party, given their tax record. But Mr Major does have a cross party appeal, while Tony Blair is seen as more remote and more middle class. The Tories want to bring out the contrast in their conference innovation of a questionand-answer session featuring Mr Major on Wednesday morning.

In parallel, the Tories are making a virtue out of their longevity in office, as a party willing to take tough and unpleasant decisions on the economy and on the running of public services. while being in tune with the public on Europe and taking risks on Northern Ireland. There are many flaws in this case, not least over the economic recRIDDELL ON MONDAY

ord from 1987 to 1992 and the fudges over Europe, but the Tory approach is now broadly the consensus on many economic and social policies. Under the slogan "Opportunity for All", ministers will this week try to show they have fresh ideas by previewing policies on choice in schools, punishment of disruptive pupils and young offenders and extending workfare schemes for the unemployed, all of which are designed to show that they are on the side of

ordinary, hard-working people. Labour now backs many of the changes in education and health that it originally opposed, and Mr Blair urges welfare reform, although his party has voted against Peter Lifley's

attempts to control the social security budget. Labour is now really only proposing a change of emphasis, rather than a change of direction. The Tories can question how far all Labour MPs go along with Blairism and point to the pressures within the Labour Party for higher spending and higher taxes. As Norman Tebbit argues in his interview with The Times today, the line "if you want Tory measures it is safer to vote for

the Tories" does have an appeal. The instant solutions put forward by the Tory Right are illusions. As Kenneth Clarke has rightly argued. the public would be suspicious of tax cuts which look like pre-election bribes. In any event, the strong rise in living standards and the revival in the housing market, let alone the high level of public borrowing, are

arguments for fiscal and monetary tightening. Anything more than a cosmetic cut in taxes might undermine market confidence and force an even larger rise in interest rates than may anyway be necessary. The other right-wing panacea, ruling out British membership of a single currency in the next Parliament, would split the Cabinet, as well as being against the national interest. Mr Major's move to pre-empt a conference row on the issue in his article in The Times on Saturday - to be reinforced by Malcolm Rifkind this week - has bought time. But I would bet that the issue will be reopened around the turn of the year. As Lord Tebbit says, both Mr Major and Mr Blair will find it hard to stick to their noncommittal stances until polling day.

ie Tories inereiore have no choice but to maintain their current strategy. However, I doubt if Major as Baldwin will be enough, just as the "Safety First" slogan of 1929 — based on road safety campaign of the time was not enough to win the election then. If you go through the factors that have caused governments to lose office in the past (discussed in a new series of essays How Governments Fall, edited by Anthony Seldon), the Tories currently fulfil most of the top nine: a negative image of the party leader, confusion about policy direction, manifest internal disunity, organisation in disarray, depleted party finance (less than before), hostile intellectual and press climate, loss of public confidence in economic management, strength of feeling of "time for a change", and a revived and credible opposition.

The Conservatives are now suffering less from their policies than from themselves, and their disunity. The "Tory measures, Whig men" jibe against Mr Blair is precisely his appeal. What the public wants is current policies - albeit kinder, gentler versions, with more spent on public services - but managed by a different team of politicians. Mr Major argues that his policies would fail under Mr Blair, but the public is no longer listening. The Tories have lost the benefit of the public's doubt.

Oxford tales

CLARIDGE'S on Saturday night saw Benazir Bhutto reflecting on time's passage and her undergraduate days at Oxford. Dressed immaculately in white and green silk, a black veil covering her head (Jemima Khan take note), the Pakistani Prime Minister spoke of

the stars of new Labour.
"I knew Tony Blair well at Oxford," she said sipping iced water, "but he was never political. One of the first people I met at Lady Margaret Hall was Barbara Margolis, now Barbara Roche, MP, She is much more political than she ever was." Bhutto was a famously high-octane president of the Oxford Union, so she is a fair judge in these matters.

Most intriguingly, however, she recalled Peter Mandelson, MP, Labour's top campaign nut and a man who inspires love and hate in equal measure. "I have known Peter ever since we worked at the UN together." With a sly look at her select audience of journalists, she added: "I hear you all like him



ly douched elegance, Mrs Bhutto has other memories of him. "Oh he was so different then." When he still had his moustache? "No. no. he had long hair and a thick, thick

Any pictures of Mandelson in his ursine period would be much

■ Tweed-clad for winter, Malcolm McLaren hus assembled a new band. They are a group of Chinese singers who record under the name Junk. Any good? "No. they're ery much over here." terrible," says McLaren, who gave
Though Mandelson is now the the world the Sex Pistols. But very picture of snake-hipped, fresh- China is the next big thing and I out on the campaign trail as he did

Duck out?

TOBY ROWLAND, son and heir of the businessman Rowland "Tiny" Rowland, has been roaming Euro-Disney dressed as Donald Duck. Though more at home padding the streets of Knightsbridge in search of designer vests, Rowland Jr has been dressing up in a duck outfit as part of his training as a junior Disney executive. He is said to be very proud of the numility this shows in one so fortunate.

One warring: as reported elsewhere today, tykish children have taken to launching violent attacks upon the Mickeys and Donalds at Disney's parks, apparently un-aware that they contain real human beings, let alone the sensitive scions of tycoons.

No labour

THE LATEST casualty in what my colleague Manthew Parris might call the "vantila-isation" of the Labour Party is Ben Elton, comedian, controversialist and solid Labour man. He has not been asked to help

think they could do with people in 1987 and 1992.

You help if you're asked," says the self-effacing Elton, but I don't believe faces like mine do much good. In 1987 I did shows in six marginal seats. In each we played to about 600 people. At the election. Labour lost each seat by about 600 votes. Come to think of it, I'm rather relieved not to have been asked

 Whatever may have happened to lan Greer last week. Humphrey, his poodle, was protected. At the



Vine time

heginning of the week, Humphrey, whom Greer likes to stroke on his lap in best Blofeld style, was sent to kennels, safe from the media intrusion visited on his owner.

Mr Clean

MORE ANTICS from the Referendum Party and in particular from Patrick Robertson, Sir James Goldsmith's PR man, who has adopted a novel method of screening his

Gavin Hewitt, a BBC reporter, telephoned Robertson while working on tonight's Panorama programme about Goldsmith, only to be greeted by a thick Mediterranean accent.

"Ello?" inquired the voice. "I'd like to speak to Patrick Robertson," said Hewitt. "I just the cleeener," the voice came back. "Oo wants im?" "Gavin Hewitt from Panorama." Splutters and exaggerated coughs came down the phone and suddenly the cleaner unmasked himself. It had been Patrick Robertson, Master of Disguise, all along.

IN the stately homes of England, talk at the moment is of only one



The Dukes of Devonshire (left) and Marlborough: grape fun

thing: grapes. For this week sees the Royal Horticultural Society's Westminster Flower Show and the annual contest between the Dukes of Devonshire and Marlborough in the White Muscat of Alexandria class. For as long as anyone can remember, the Dukes have monopolised first and second places in the class.

Up at Chatsworth, the mood is upbeat, with Devonshire's forces adopting a pre-bout braggadocio.

Webster, Devonshire's greenhouse minder. "The Duke of Marlborough has produced some very good grapes in the past, but this year mine are as good as I've ever

By contrast, the Blenheim camp is quiet. Marlborough takes his grapes as seriously as his ancestors took their grapeshot, and the order has gone out radio silence until



ADAMS IN FRANKFURT

A book to please the publishers - but at what price?

Just over two years ago Gerry Adams's own words could not be broadcast in Britain: this weekend he is a feted author at the Frankfurt Book Fair and his words are set to make him a rich man. The Sinn Fein president's autobiography. Before the Dawn, is a bestseller in Ireland, a certain success abroad and has proved an excellent generator of sympathetic media coverage. Mr Adams is enjoying deep draughts of the oxygen of publicity which Margaret Thatcher sought to deny the apologists and orchestrators of terror. He is also enjoying an advance estimated at £100,000. Mr Adams's new prominence and wealth are of so much reversals of fortune as perversions of justice. He and his publishers are profiting from human misery.

Mr Adams's book is not a candid account of physical struggle and moral growth such as Nelson Mandela's Long Walk to Freedom. It is a deeply dishonest document which avoids the many difficult areas of Mr Adams's life. The precise nature of the role Mr Adams has played in Irish repub-licanism is skated over. The man who was one of the IRA's nominated negotiating team in the Seventies ends his narrative just after the 1981 hunger strikes. There is a brief coda which deals with the current peace process. but any reader anxious to discover what Mr Adams felt about his fellow republicans murdering civilians in Enniskillen or in Warrington will look in vain.

The only detailed insight into the mind of a man prepared to condone murder for political ends comes in a passage of fiction interpolated into the text. A short story is written from the viewpoint of an IRA volunteer preparing to kill a British soldier. The terrorist justifies his action as defence of "his country" against "the enemy". There is a cknowledgement that IRA violence also comprehends racketeering, the death of children or the murder of men whose families have shared Ulster's soil for as long as Mr Adams and have never felt the need to raise their hands, or voices, for violence.

Perhaps nothing more might have been expected from Mr Adams. A life lived in the. shadows has estranged him from honesty. Having been happy to see the lives of others sacrificed for his politics it is no surprise that he should mangle the raw material of his own. But it should be remembered by his readers that Mr Adams became a figure of significance as the public face of a movement which has killed hundreds in defiance of democracy. That he should now use a celebrity bought in blood to make money is profoundly distasteful.

It is also disturbing that a British publisher, Heinemann, should have been prepared to help him. Of course, Sinn Fein has a case, albeit one endorsed by a minority among even Northern Irish nationalists. But the judgment of a company prepared to publish for profit an exculpatory and evasive memoir from a man like Mr Adams must be called into question. Would they be happy to print the reminiscences of any other figure whose allies in the field were planning a bombing campaign calculated to inflict massive civilian casualties?

Perhaps the most ominous aspect of Mr Adams's autobiography is his willingness to pocket the royalties himself. In the past, any money he made from writing went to republican charities". Mr Adams's decision to keep money which once would have gone to the movement suggests he may be withdrawing from the frontline of republican struggle. If that is so it would confirm suggestions that the IRA campaign is now being directed by men even less attracted by peace and the possibility of compromise than Mr Adams. The ceasefire which gave Mr Adams the opportunity to write this book now seems, in every sense, to have

DEATH OF AN ARMY

Weakness in the Russian Armed Forces is bad news for Nato

Aleksandr Lebed arrives at Nato's headquarters today to do battle on the subject of Russia's future relations with the Alliance. The outspoken former general has, after earlier conciliatory remarks, added his gravel voice to Kremlin denunciations of Nato's planned enlargement. He may repeat the the Foreign Minister, that Russia would consider enlargement as a provocative breach of the treaty on Conventional Forces in Europe and take "retaliatory measures".

Moscow's resistance is related to uncertainties at home, where Mr Lebed is engaged in his own wars on several fronts. As the negotiator responsible for halting the bloodshed in Chechnya, he faces bitter position to what nationalists call a capitulation. As a would-be successor to the ailing President Yeltsin, he is the target of sniping within the Kremlin walls. And as the man responsible for Russia's security, he has been battling to save the Russian Army from bankruptcy and possible mutiny.

The crisis in the Russian Armed Forces is one of the biggest threats not only to Russia itself, but to its neighbours and to the stability of Europe. What was once a trained, capable and disciplined force is now little more than a rabble - impoverished. corrupt and surly. The Government's repeated failure to pay soldiers even their meagre wages, the plundering of the military budget by regional bosses and mafia interests, and the crippling costs of programmes started when the Soviet Union was a superpower have taken a severe toll.

The Armed Forces now have wage arrears of some 15,000 billion roubles. As a result, military units have been selling their

weapons, tanks, supplies and whatever they can lay hands on simply to buy food and fuel. A worrying proportion of these weapons is reaching Afghans, dictators and criminals. Soldiers, and especially conscripts, have been left to fend for themselves and in remote garrisons in the frozen north and the Far East some units are on the br of starvation. Ugly rumours of cannibalism, a practice not unknown in Russian military history, are again circulating.

The supply of manpower is disappearing as fast as discipline and training. On paper there should be 1.5 million men under arms. but Moscow admits this has fallen to I million and the true figure may be well below that. Only about 10 per cent of those called up are actually drafted; school-leavers are evading conscription, which they see as virtual penal servitude. The once-pampered officer corps is being pensioned off as fast as possible, but is still far larger than warranted. Military housing is well below standard, and men with inadequate shelter and clothing have frozen to death.

Russia still has some formidable military elements; the soldiers in Bosnia are effective and disciplined, and the rocket forces are maintaining their morale. But the military collapse elsewhere is a national humiliation, and one that greatly increases the historically rooted paranoia among Russia's leaders about military encirclement in the event of Nato expansion. Pride in the Red Army is a source of national cohesion in a country which badly needs such symbols of certainty. Regardless of the succession battles in the Kremlin, no Russian government can safely ignore the political dangers implicit in an army bleeding to death.

COBOL'S SECOND COMING

Countdown to meltdown for computer year 2000

The new Millenarians are among us, but unlike the old. whose business plan was to wait patiently on a hilltop for their triumphant Messiah, these are men of action. Their high priests are the members of Taskforce 2000, set up by the Government. Come the millennium, they preach, the end is nigh unless we convert our computers.

Computers have an insatiable appetite for dates. Mortgages, pensions, overdrafts depend on them. The Taskforce's job is to make business aware of a "timebomb" planted decades ago when programmers, working mostly in a language called Cobol, abbreviated dates to save memory. So 1969 became 69, and the mistake of the millennium was made.

As the special report in The Times today reminds us, the programmers had their minds on decimalisation. In any case, they thought that by the year 2000 their chips would be redundant. They failed to foresee the Saturday three years, two months and 24 days from today when their programs, still alive and ticking, would misconstrue the new year as 1900 and send the world

tumbling into a timewarp. In this projected apocalypse, super-tankers, their guiding satellites unhinged, will miss their berths. Cruise missiles will career about like avenging demons. Blood banks will dry up and supermarket tills will be silenced with food riots to follow. Nuclear power stations will shut down. Offices will darken and grow cold. Laptops will fall over, lifts will stall. Gas bills will be doubly outrageous. Our very video recorders may log themselves off.

How much of this will come to pass no one knows, but business is turning for salvation to software solution providers. These are not, as might be expected, bespectacled 15year-old millionaires: such youths are unversed in ancient languages. They are instead our old friends the Cobolers, since grown a little grey. Like Flanders and Swann's gasman, they have invented the commercial equivalent of perpetual motion. They are having two bytes of their cherry.

And what a cherry. The cost of removing the millennium bug from the world's computers is perhaps \$200 billion. Already contract programmers are earning £1,000 a week. That should double in the next two years. "The quickest way to make a million dollars is to start a new religion," said L. Ron Hubbard, Scientology's founder. He reckoned without computers.

First, though, the programmers have to recall how they wrote their programs. Not easy - as the psalm puts it, a thousand years are but as yesterday when it is passed. But if enough of them can be found with memories intact, our mainframes, missiles and tills might just be made "millennium-compliant"

as the new century dawns. Phew! There is one beam of sunlight. Erasing these bugs, it has been suggested, will take so long that European economic and monetary union, even if it is wanted, will have to be shelved. The computers could not cope with it. Roll on Armageddon.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

press a view for or against EMU, but

to ask the leaders of opinion to be clear about the political consequences of

this momentous step and to make these consequences clear to the gene-ral public in good time.

The electorate should be allowed an

unbiased vote on the issue, in the

knowledge that there are, for Britain

at least, viable alternatives to EMU

later, when the deed is done.

From Mr Michael Walton

Otherwise there could be trouble

Sir, I wholeheartedly endorse the

comments of Mr John Coleman, Edi-

tor of The New European stener, Sep-

tember 30), regarding the creation of a

hard ecu: it would certainly appeal to

the traveller and could stabilise the

terms of long-term debts such as

mortgages. It has the "feel-good" fac-

tor of British pragmatism about it too.

dard in another guise, an idea thor-

oughly comprehensible to the man in

the street, and require none of the

artificial "stability pacts" or other re-

gulatory attempts to control values. It

would also remove the threats of

monetary speculation that lurk be-

hind the present EMU proposals,

dangers demonstrated so vividly in

Anatole Kaletsky's analysis (Business.

October 1). "Labour needs to get real".

company director, the banks, the

Chancellor, would still retain their

choice of saving, spending or trading

with old-fashioned pounds, francs or

whatever - the ecu being the "what-

ever", whose parity would automati-

cally be adjusted as new members

ioined the European Union. It would

divorce finance from the political de-

bate, surely a worthwhile goal in

Sir. In the 1975 referendum the Euro-

enthusiasts muddled the pool by play-

ing down the federal nature of the

EEC. Euro-sceptics do the same today

by babbling incessantly about "loss"

of sovereignty. In a federation sover-

eignty is not lost, it is pooled to be

Mr Tim Parkinson (letter, October

2) might try explaining to his pupils at

Winchester College how the people of

California (half our population, con-

siderably greater gross product) are

harmed, economically or politically,

by their state being part of the USA

and the Federal Reserve System. To

my eyes, they seem rather successful.

made more effective globally.

Yours faithfully,

Thriplow House,

October 2.

MICHAEL WALTON,

Thriplow, Hertfordshire.

From Mr John Davis

The individual, the pensioner, the

it would be a return to the gold stan-

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Calls for clarity on joining EMU

'Lifesaving' role of Soviet spies

From Mr Benedict Birnberg

Sir. The recent publication of decoded messages to KGB officers intercepted by American and British listening posts between 1940 and 1947 (the Venona Project) has inevitably focused attention on those who spied for Russia (reports, October 2 and 4).

But I venture to suggest that the question that should be put, and which should be addressed to the US and British Governments of the time is this: why, during the Second World War, when the US, Britain and the Soviet Union were together locked in a life-and-death struggle with Nazi Germany and Japan, and with the Russians bearing the brunt of it, did the Western Allies not share with the Soviet Union vital scientific and other information - not least on the development of the atomic bomb, which could have assisted Russia and speeded the end of the war?

As an instance, one may cite the example of the SIS officer John Caimcross, the so-called "fifth man", who worked at the Government's Code and Cipher School at Bletchley. From 1942 to 1943 Cairncross gave the Soviets confidential information otherwise denied them - the key to the German "Enigma" code - plus technical data on the new German Tiger tank and the texts of intercepted German messages.

The latter, in the words of Cairncross's KGB controller, Yuri Modin My Five Cambridge Friends, Headline, 1994), "saved the lives of tens of thousands of Soviet soldiers" during the final Nazi offensive on the Eastern front. They also played a key part in the strategic Soviet victory in the battle of the Kursk salient, the turning point in the war.

In any dispassionate retrospective assessment people like Cairncross would be judged heroes, not traitors, and the US and British Governments culpable of a betrayal of their Soviet

Yours faithfully. BENEDICT BIRNBERG. 4 Eliot Place, Blackheath, SE3. October 4.

From Mr Peter Towers

Sir. Owen Matthews's article (September 30) about the arrest and execution of his Ukrainian grandfather. Boris Bibikov, in Stalin's great purge, reminded me of the story told to me last year by an acquaintance of mine. Professor Vsevolod Lusta member of the Russian Academy of Sciences in Moscow.

Professor Lustau's father, a lecturer in chemistry in Moscow, was taken away and shot by the People's Commisariat for Internal Affairs (NKVD. predecessor of the KGB) after they had searched his house during a prewar purge. As the son of a "dissident". young Lustau was barred from higher education until after the war, during which time he fought in the Russian Army with distinction and was subsequently rehabilitated in society.

Last year Professor Lustau was allowed access for the first time to the NKVD file on his father and was astounded and saddened to discover that the incriminating "evidence" cited for the conviction was a copy of the periodic table of chemical elements found in his possession and assumed by his interrogators to be a sec-

Although it is a sad and bizarre story. I think its disclosure reflects great credit on the present-day authority in Russia, which does not shrink from exposing the terrors of that prewar era as a lesson to us all for the future.

Yours sincerely PETER TOWERS. 59 Mildmay Road, Stevenage, Hertfordshire.

Lobbyists at work From Mr Geoffrey E. Taylor

Sir, Mr Stephen Harrow (letter, October 5) defends the loyalty of Baroness Turner to Ian Greet Associates, We may agree with him if we regard her as merely holding an outside paid directorship of a commercial company - something which many MPs rou-

tinely do. Unfortunately, Lady Turner's case is not as simple as that: a great many members of both Houses serve on boards of ordinary companies because their training and/or experience is in the same field of activity as that company. They have appropriate ex-'Chinese wall" between this and their

positions in Parliament. But Mr Greer's company is not an ordinary company: its raison d'être is to wield influence with Parliament on behalf of its clients. A lobbying company, as long as it receives its fee, will promote the Salvation Army or vivisection of kittens equally. It rarely pre-tends to support its clients out of con-

If Members of Parliament are its soldiers, struggling to promote their views and policies because they believe in them, lobbyists are Parliament's mercenaries - serving whoever pays them the most. Lady Turner must have known

what the activities of this company were: I can't imagine what induced her to join the board. Sincerely GEOFFREY E. TAYLOR. 184 Eastworth Road. Chertsey, Surrey.

October 5.

Yours faithfully, JOHN PEEK, clude us from the negotiations. Surely at some stage we shall have to "come Les Broches, out" with our decision not to join ini-Chambonas, 07140 Les Vans, France. tially, if such is our decision. October 1. Mr Major should be much more concerned with trying to decide now

whether joining EMU will be in Britain's interests or not, and telling the electors where he stands, than with vainly trying to influence the other 14 members of the EU. The time for that is past. He should have the courage to say publicly that EMU is far ahead of its time and will only bring tears to those who get caught up in the ex-

Yours sincerely, ANDREW HARRIS, 10 Evertons Close. Droitwich, Worcestershire. October 6.

From Mr Andrew Harris

Sir, John Major, in his article of Octo-

ber 5, "We must not allow EMU to be fudged", states that we must remain

in the negotiations on the European

single currency, as we shall be affect-

ed by it whether we join or not. There-

fore, he argues, we must seek to influ-

The logical extension of that argu-

ment is that we can never publicly de-

clare that we do not want to be part of

EMU phase one, as this would ex-

ence the negotiations in our favour.

From Dr Alan Sked

Sir, The Prime Minister's article today adopts the old Eurofederalist ruse of disguising issues of basic political principle as ones of economic techni-

What Mr Major should have told us is whether, if all the Maastricht convergence criteria are met, he would be happy to see our gold re-serves transferred to Frankfurt and our economic policy made by unelected foreigners. In other words, is he in favour of British independence as a matter of principle, or not?

Yours sincerely, ALAN SKED (Leader, UK Independence Party). Flat 3, Aberdeen Court. 68 Aberdeen Park, N5. October 5.

From Mr John Peek

Sir. As a lifelong Europhile I am disturbed at the apparent confusion of mind of even the distinguished people whose letters you published on September 30 with regard to the conseeconomic and monetar union. In the same issue you report Kenneth Clarke as saying that he is opposed to the idea of a United States of Europe", in which case, since we are told that he favours EMU, he must be as confused as anyone.

Participation in EMU requires a country to transfer its foreign exchange reserves to the European Central Bank in Frankfurt. This and other requirements of the Maastricht treaty remove from a member state all further possibility of independent action; they convert it, inescapably and irretrievably, into a province of the Euro-

My object in writing is not to ex-

Low-cost travel

From Mr Stelios Haji-loannou

Sir. I respect people who feel nostalgic about the good old days of rail travel and perhaps your correspondents (letters. September 301 are right that it was the "epitome of luxury transport".

But I would like to inject a bit of common sense and elementary transport economics. Given the choice, people are not willing to pay for frills. They will gladly receive them if packaged into a higher priced ticket, but we all know there is no such thing as a free lunch.

Our experience with operating nofrills air services between London and Scotland for nearly a year is that people base their decision on how to travel mainly on price and convenience of timings. The market is growing because travelling is now within reach of a wider class of people, and that helps local economies as well.

Yours faithfully. STELIOS HAJI-IOANNOU (Chairman). EasyJet Airline Co Ltd. Luton Airport, Bedfordshire. October 2.

Sir, I must take issue with Magnus Linklater ('Is this the closing of our minds?", October 3) about the objectives and procedures of the new University of the Highlands and Islands.

It is true that the university will make the greatest possible use of the new information technologies and it is true that it will be a networked confederation of widely separated colleges. But it is not true that its use of technology will be a substitute for human contact.

At the heart of the new university is

Teacher training

ours faithfully,

54 Woodlands Road.

Bookham, Surrey.

J. A. DAVIS,

October 2.

From the General Secretary of the National Union of Teachers

Sir, In his article of September 24. There is madness in their method". the Chief Inspector of Schools wrote that I regard the requirement that student teachers be taught how to teach reading as a capitulation to the obsessions of far-right policy advisers.

Not true. What I in fact said was that all primary student teachers were entitled to that training. I went on to warn the Education Secretary to guard against the trainee teachers' national curriculum being used to promote the obses-

sions of far-right policy makers.

Mr Woodhead has converted a warning as to the future into an accusation of capitulation in the past. They are entirely different things.

Yours sincerely, DOUG McAVOY, General Secretary, National Union of Teachers. Hamilton House, Mabledon Place, WCl. October 4.

Highland university

From Professor Sir Graham Hills

Information technology is not and never was an end in itself. It is no more than a sophisticated pen or brush with which to capture the imagination and to share visions in text, in symbols, in diagrams, in pictures and in sound, without regard for distance or time. Its greatest potential is to tame the knowledge base, to reduce the current emphasis on facts, to liberate students from the drudgery of the lecture theatre as a scriptorium and to allow them time to think and

All education, and not least that in universities, is to do with person-toperson exchanges. This was ever the basis of the development of the individual and of the formation of charac-This is a time of great change and

therefore an extensive tutorial system.

opportunity for those who would view new technologies in a positive light. It is possible that Mr Linklater has been rubbing shoulders with the more pessimistic of vice-chancellors who see the future as a threat rather than an opportunity. That would be a

Yours faithfully, GRAHAM HILLS (Academic Adviser to the University of the Highlands and Islands Project). Sunnyside of Threepwood. Laigh Threepwood, Beith, Ayrshire.

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Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046.

If there's a will there's a donation

From Mr Richard Radcliffe Sir, The week beginning October 14 is 'Make a Will Week", when many so-

licitors are reducing their fees for drafting a will. Legacies are a wonderfully painless way of giving: having pledged a gift you wake up the next morning to find

your bank balance has not changed. Almost El billion reaches charities through legacies each year. Even so. only one in seven people who make a will leave a charitable bequest. There are various moments in our lives when we really ought to consider making, or changing, our will: marriage, becoming a parent, divorce, re-

tirement, becoming a grandparent. death of a spouse or partner, when inheriting money or winning it in the National Lottery. How many people, for example, think about making, or changing, their will when they have their first

child (to appoint guardians; otherwise

the child could go into care if both par-What (more controversially) about the fact that making or changing a will increases your life expectancy? According to research by Smee and Ford (a company which reads every will after estates have been proven) on average you die 4.1 years after your last will change. Renew your will every 4.0 years and you can live

If that does not convince you, then consider this - the average age at death of those dying intestate is 69: of those dying testate it is 79; but of those dying testate and leaving a charitable bequest it is 82.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD RADCLIFFE (Director, Legacy Campaigns Division). Buzzacott (chartered accountants), 12 New Fetter Lane, EC4. October 5.

Juvenile offenders

From the Director of the Prison Reform Trust

Sir. The Shadow Home Secretary's "catch-em-young" approach to juven-ile offending has significant cost implications ("We'll see juveniles in court", October 3).

Despite its 85 per cent success rate with first offenders, a Labour government would apparently replace cautioning by a "final warning", thus triggering multi-agency assessment, work with parents, counselling, group work, reparation and supervised activities. This will be both expensive and wasteful.

Jack Straw's proposal would mean massive social work intervention with minor offenders who do not need it. Moreover, it begs the question of what will happen to that minority of young people whose offending is persistent and serious. What will be left for them except (even more expensive) custody?

The present system is far from perfect; with youngsters even more than with adults, delay is the enemy of justice, and there is no case for endlessly repeated cautions (which is why Michael Howard has stopped them). But I simply cannot recognise Mr Straw's characterisation of the youth justice system as one of "comprehensive failure".

Yours faithfully. STEPHEN SHAW, Director. Prison Reform Trust. The Old Trading House, 15 Northburgh Street, ECI,

From Mr Rohin Beare

Sir, It seems to have escaped the attention of all politicians that a huge reduction in the incidence of juvenile crime would be achieved if that ab-surd restriction - "who cannot be named for legal reasons" -- were re-

Let the law be changed; and let the parents and their offspring be named and shamed.

Yours faithfully ROBIN BEARE. Scrages Farm. Cowden, Edenbridge, Kent.

Crime statistics

From Professor Michael Hough Sir, Peter Coad (letter, October 2) argues that this year's 0.4 per cent rise in recorded crime compares very favourably with the period when anni-

prison ideology dominated".
Police statistics are a poor guide to the underlying trend. The British Crime Survey provides a better index. This shows that from 1991 to 1995 crime increased by 23 per cent, as against a 4 per cent fall in the corresponding police statistics.

Yours faithfully. MICHAEL HOUGH (Director, Criminal Policy Research Unit). South Bank University. 103 Borough Road, SEL

Mystery solved

From Mr A. E. Rideout

Sir, Concerning the vexed question of the primacy of the chicken or the egg. Miss Jennifer Early's findings tlener, October 2) confirm the solution proposed by Samuel Butler: "A hen is only an egg's way of making another egg" (Life and Habit, 1877, chapter 8).

E. RIDEOUT, 29 Fleet Street, Beaminster, Dorset, October 2.

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Yours faithfully.



COURT CIRCULAR

CLARENCE HOUSE October 5: The Hon Mrs Rhodes has succeeded Mrs Michael Gor-don-Lennox as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen

BALMORAL CASTLE October 6: Divine Service was held in Crathie Parish Church this morning.

The Reverend Robert Sloan KENSINGTON PALACE Gloucester, as Patron of the Comof Honour St Alban's Church Tower Restoration Appeal, this morning attended a Service at the Church at Langelinie, Copenhagen. Denmark.

Today's royal engagement

Princess Margaret as President of Invalid Children's Aid Nationwide, will open the Northallertor Speech and Language Nursery at the Alverton County Infant School. Mount Road, Northallerton North Yorkshire, at 11.40.

University news

Bristol Professor Edwin Gale, formerl Professor of Diabetes and Head of Department at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, to the Chair in

Service luncheon

ATS Dinner Club Brigadier Anne Field, as Patron of the ATS Dinner Club, was the guest of honour at the annual luncheon held on Saturday at the Grand Hotel, Birmingham, Mrs Betty Belfield presided.

Memorial lecture Angela and Tony Fish

The Royal Society of Chemistry will host an evening lecture in memory of Angela and Tony Fish at 6pm on Wednesday, October 9. at the Royal Institution, London WI. Lord Dainton will address a gathering of their friends and colleagues associated with The Royal Society of Chemistry where Angela worked for 27 years, Tickets are required and may be obtained from Anne Bennett, The Royal Society of Chemistry. Burlington House, Piccadilly. London, WI. Tel: 0171 437 8656.

James Gerald Gulliver

A memorial service for James Gerald Gulliver, CVO, will be held on Wednesday, October 30, at noon at St Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street, London, SW1. A further memorial service will be held on Wednesday, November 13. at noon in Glasgow University

Nature notes

MANY birds live solitary lives in winter. Green woodpecker pairs have broken up, and they are feeding alone in fields where they can find ants in the ground. When they are disturbed, they fly up and hide on the far side of a treetrunk, clinging to the bark. Some pairs of kingfishers are still together, but they will soon be fishing alone ing the rivers. Snipe are returning to marshes in the South of England: as they feed on the mud. probing deep with their long beaks, the autumn sun gives a glow to the vellow lines on their head and back. Teal often sit on the mud with them: these small ducks spent much of the day sleeping and

Beech trees are now changing colour: green, yellow and brown leaves hang side by side on the branches, Field-edges seem from a distance to have a line of mist

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along them, where long swathes of rosebay willow-herb have turned to fluffy white seed. Wild rose bushes are decked with red hips. with hairy white seeds inside them. In birch woods there are many fly-agaric toadstoots, which have scarlet caps flecked with white: eating them can cause

Royal Air Force College Cranwell

Air Chief Marshal Sir Richard Johns, Commander in Chief Allied Forces Northwestern Europe, was the Reviewing Officer at the Graduation of 75 officers of No 162 Initial Officer Training Course and 18 officers of No 261 Specialist Entrant and Re-entrant Course from the Royal Air Force College Cranwell on Thursday, October 3.

Graduating student officers of No 162 Initial Officer Training Course General Duties Branch - Pilot Flying Officer G J Borthwick BEng Pilot Officers A L Adams LLB, S V Bowell, BEng, C S Dempster, BEng, S J Kovach, BA, S J Lockyer, BA, N Phoenix, BA, D J Rafferty, B Eng. J H Rolfe, BA, S Ross, BSc, J D Sourfield, BSc.

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General Duties (Ground) Branch Air Traffic Control Flying Officers N R Crowther, BSc. J A France, S O Fruish, BSc, J T Rumsby.

a memorial celebration for Mr

Vivian John Herman Ellis, com-

poser and author, was held yes-terday at The Adelphi Theatre,

Strand. A programme of Vivian Ellis's own works was performed.

Mr Don Black introduced Rabbi

Helen Freedman, Mr. Ray C Davis, Miss Sally Ann Triplett, Mr

Dan Crawford, Miss Janie Dee,

Mr Graham Hoadly, Mrs Valerie Grove, Miss Janet Dibley, Miss

ris, Miss Paula Wilcox, Miss Katey Crawford Kastin, Miss Helen

Lederer, Miss Frances Refielle, Mr Philip Bird, Mr Chris Biggins,

Miss Rosemary Leach, Mr John

Mr Sheridan Morley introduced

Miss Wendy Toye, Mr Keith Michell, Miss Dillie Keane. Miss

Frances Ruffelle, Mr Frank

Thornton, Miss Clare Burt, Mr

Jonathon Simon, Miss Nicola Keen, Miss Fiona Sinnott, Miss

Sheila Reid, Miss Thelma Ruby, Miss Phyllida Hancock, Mr Rob-ert Meadmore, Miss Jan Harley,

Miss Susannah York and Sir John

Mrs Catherine Watts (god-

daughter), representatives of the Guildhall School of Music and

Drama, The King's Head Theatre,

Dallov and Mr Denis Lawson.

Memorial

concert

Mr Vivian Ellis

Pilot Officers M R Duffy, R P Laing, MA. Acting Pilot Officer A J C Inglis. General Duties (Ground) Branch Fighter Control Pilot Officers S M Christian BSc, J

Jones BA. Acting Pilot Officers O J Hanbury, General Duties (Ground) Branch - Intelligence Flying Officer S A B Mattocks MA.

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Flying Officers P K Abbott, T G Hall, BSc (Econ). Pilot Officers R C Cameron, BSc. C O M Lewis, S Morrison-Smith, BSc, P J O'Brien BA. Administrative Branch -

Supply Branch

Secretarial Flying Officers M Malone, J M Pilot Officer A F Lovejoy. Acting Pilot Officers D D Mann, J

Miss Jenny Abramsky, controller BBC Radio 5 Live, 50; Sir Timothy

Ackroyd, actor, 38; Mr Chris

topher Booker, author, 59; Sir Colin Chandler, aviation expert,

57: Mr Joseph Cooper, pianist and

broadcaster, 84; Sir Zelman Cowen, QC, former Provost, Oriel

College, Oxford, 77: Sir Andrew Derbyshire, architect, 73: Profes-

sor Harold Dexter, organist. 76: Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter

Fletcher, 80; Dr Mark Girouard,

architectural historian, 65; Lord Glenarthur, 52; Mr B.M.S.

Harrow School, 75: Mr Terence

Hodgkinson, former director, Wal-

lace Collection, 83; Mr Clive

James, writer and broadcaster, 57:

Mr Thomas Keneally, author, 61;

Professor Sir Harold Kroto, FRS.

chemist, 57; Mr George Kynoch, MP, 50; Lieutenant-General Sir Derek Lang, 83; Miss Yaltah

Menuhin, pianist, 75; Sir John

Stocker, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 78: Major-General Julian

Association of Lagcastrians

Baroness Dean of Thornton-le-Fylde, President of the Association

of Lancastrians in London.

accompanied by Mr K.D. McDowall, presided at the annual

dinner and dance held on Sat-

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Flying Officer D A Howie, MBE. Security Branch - RAF Regiment Flying Officers S Booth, M Bottrill, J M Graham, A B Nelson. Pilot Officers K P Cressy, BEng. H M Part, BA, D W Stellitano BA. Acting Pilot Officer J Hether-

Security Branch - Provos Pilot Officer M.S.A. Potter, BSc. Foreign and Commonwealth Royal Brunei Armed Forces

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Birthdays today

Grimmer BSc, MB ChB, A J Cartwright MB ChB, P M Dalrymple MB ChB, C L Whinle. MB BS. Dental Branch Flight Lieutenants M D Clare BSc

Jayne Torvill, the

ice skater, is 39

Thompson, 62: the Right Ret

Desmond Tutu, former Arch

bishop of Cape Town, 65; Sir Colin Walker, chairman, National Blood

Authority, 62; Mr Yo Yo Ma, cellist, 41.

urday at the Grand Hotel, Lytham

St Annes. The Mayor of Fylde,

accompanied by Mrs Jealous, also

Mr Richard Snailham presided at

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The Group Captain Williams Me-morial Trophy: Student Officer S J The Sarah Moland Memorial Prize: Officer Cadet J M Moore. The Longcroft Trophy: Student Officer A M Hamilton BA

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and Miss C. Maylam The engagement is announced between Robert Andrew, younger son of Mr and Mrs Peter Boutwood, of West Wittering, West Sussex, and Charlotte, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs William Maylam, of Bilsington, Kent.

and Miss M.D. Spencer The engagement is announced between Edward, younger sun of

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Forthcoming marriages

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Mr R.A. Boutwood Mr E.A. Hopkinson

of Melbourn Bury, Cambridge shire, and Marie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Spencer, of Chair

The engagement is announced between Stuart, son of the late Mr James Mitchell, of Linlithgow. Scotland, and of Mrs Lesley Geraldine, daughter of Baron

Netherlands. Mr G.J. Slocock

Brom, of The Hague.

The engagement is announced between Gerald, son of the late Frank and Rosaleen Slocock, and Emily, daughter of the late George and Janet Buchanan.

Marriages

and Miss M.L.L. Coghlan

The marriage took place on Saturday, October 5, at St Bartholomews, Haslemere, between Mr

Rod Kohler, eldest son of Mr and

Mrs Paul Kohler, of Grove House,

West Horsley, Surrey, and Miss Melindy Coghlan, daughter of Mr and Mrs Tim Coghlan, of Sheetlands, Haslemere, Surrey,

The Rev Clive Edmonds officiated.

hy her father, was attended by Miss Emma MacNeice. Miss Emma Barrett, Miss Sofie

Mazzotti. Miss Ghislaine Kohler.

Luca Thomas and Kira Romano,

Mr James Maclean was best man.

Sheetlands, home of the bride, archite honeymoon is being spent

The marriage took place on Sat-urday. October 5, at Lewisham

Register Office, between Mr Mich-

ael James Parsons and Miss

Tatjana Korohkova.

Mr Bernard Porter was best

man, Mr Porter and Mr Mark

the Caribbean.

Mr M.J. Parsons

and Miss T. Korobkova

A reception was held at

The bride, who was given away

Sir William Blackburne and Miss V.J. Webber and Miss G.B. Davis The marriage took place on Thurs The marriage tool: place on Saturday, October 5, 1996, in the day. September 26, 1996, in Paurl, Republic of South Africa, of Rich-Repunic of South Africa of Richard, son of Albert and Olwen Calland, of Forge Mill, Caton, Lancaster, to Gabrielle, elder daughter of Beulah Davis and the Chapel of Lincoln's Inn. of Sir William Blackhurne, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.R. Blackburne, of Kirk Ella, East Yorkshire, to Miss Vivien Webber, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A.C. Webber, of late George Davis, of Durban, Chichester, Sussex. Canon W.B. Mr R.W.P. Kohler

Norman officiated. The bride was given in marriage by her father. Mr Geoffrey Raspin was best man.

and Fräulein LM. Gstöttner The marriage took place on Sat-urday at the Church of St Agnes. Newmarket, Suffolk, of Mr George Edward Fairbairn, son of Sir Brooke Fairbairn and the late Lady Fairbairn, of Newmarket, Suffolk, to Fraulein Lena Maria Gstöttner, daughter of Herr and Frau Adolf Gstöttner, of Ham-burg, Germany. The Rev G. Hunt

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Imogen Fairbairn, Hermione Wace. Helena Wace and Louisa Gstöttner Figini. Captain William Galbraith was best man.

A reception was held at the home

of the bridegroom's father and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Dr S.A.W. Pickering and Miss S.E. Cunningham The marriage took place on Sat-urday, October 5, at St Paul's Church, Quarndon, of Dr Simon Pickering, only son of Mr and Mrs A.J. Pickering, of Arnold, Nottingharn, to Miss Shirley Cunningham, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J.H. Cumningham, of Quarndon, Derby. Professor W.G. Richards

and Dr M.E. Phillips The marriage took place on Sat-urday, October 5, 1996, in Oxford, of Graham Richards to Mary

School

Thomas were the witnesses. The honeymoun will be spent in the USA. Mr T.A. Westinghouse

and Mrs A.M. Hammerbeck The marriage took place quietly in Hong Kong, on October 4, between Mr Timothy Adrian Westinghouse and Mrs Alison Mary Hammerbeck, nee Felice.

news Oxford High School GPDST Oxford High School invites par-ents and friends to Open Evening on Thursday. October 10, from 6.30 to 9.30pm. The Headmistress. Mrs Joan Townsend, will speak at 7pm assisted by Head Girl Sophie ilver. Oxford High School is an independent day school for girls. established in 1875.

Holborn Law Society

At the Annual General Meeting of the Holborn Law Society held on September 30, 1996, the following were elected as Officers for the ensuing year: W.J. Furber, Presi-dent; A.J.H. Shaw, Senior Vice President; D.T. Morgan, Junior Vice President; T.H. Drabble, Hon Treasurer, J.M. Davies and U.W. Bankes, Joint Hon Secretaries.

Midland and Oxford Circuit

Mr James Hunt, QC, to be Leader of the Midland and Oxford Circuit; Mr Neil Moore to be Junior: Mr Mark Wall to be Assistant Junior.

Service dinner RN and RM Mountaineering

Lieutenant-Commander S.K. Jackson. Chairman of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Mountaineering Club, presided at the annual dinner held on Saturday at the Tyn-Y-Coed Hotel, Capel Curig. North Wales. Vice-Admiral M.G. Rutherford was the principal speaker.

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Fagham, Bognor Regis on
Thunday 10th October at
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SIMES - Horatio John on October 2nd, beloved husband of joan, much loved father of John and Valerie and devoted grandfather of Kary, John, Chris, Emma and Richard. The funeral service is to be held at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Lowwood Nr., Billingshurst, West Susser on Thursday 10th October at 2 pm. Flowers to Pinnes Funeral Services, 198 High Street, Cranleigh, Sonsy or densitions to The Royal British Legion, Cranleigh Branch.

SOMERSET - Wynfreds Mary, Only Gaughter of the late Edward and Cordelia Somerset, of Newbury, Christopher, of Newbury, Serkshire, and sister of Edward John Somerset of Harrogate, Yorkshire, Died pescefully on October 3rd 1996. Foneral Service at St. Ricolas Church Newbury on Friday 11th October at 11,30nm. Family flowers only. 12.30pm. Enquires on 01428 643524
CHALLERS - James William Ewing on 24th September 1996. Beloved husband of Sylvis, loving father to Debbie and Breit, som-in-law of Frank and Doris Frice, tressand Poppa of Louise and Emily, dear Uncle to Joanns, Neil, Dylan and David Sefly missed by all family and friends. Funeral service at Colwyn Bay Crematorium Tuesday 8th October at 11.30s. Hemily flowers only. Donations to British Heart Foundation to John Sibeon and Son, Funeral Directors, Brysford Street, Holywell, Clayd.

CLARKE - John Robert, on 1996. March

Islington, the Performing Rights Society and many other friends intoxication and coma. were present. IN MEMORIAM --DEATHS COLNBROOK - Hamphrey Edward Atkins, Life Baron on Priday October the 4th SERVICES WANTED

erward Arkins, Life Baron, on Friday October the 4th, pencefully at home. Funeral service will take place at midday on Thursday 10th October at Waltham St. Lawrence Farish Church, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please. A thanksgiving service will be held in Londom at a later date.

PROSSER - On 3rd October 1996 Lional Ernest of Caxton, Cambs., aged 90 years. Dear husband of Winifred, dear father of Michael, Jenemy, Jamet and Frances and a dear guandfather. Funeral Service Friday October 11th 1.45. p.m. at Norse Road Crematorium Bedford. Family flowers only. Domations for Bessenth in Ageing may be sent to F.W. Wildham & Son, 8 Kayson Boad, Thurleigh, Bedford MK44 2D7

ROSSEFED - Sybil, Theatre Historian, suddenly, at home, on 2nd October. Funeral 12.30pm, Toesday Sth October at Golders Green Crematorium, West Chapel.

SAGE - On 2nd October 1996, bases Officer (Emmy) aged 32, at King Edward VII Hospital, Middurst, Jean's during husband of 56 years, much loved dather of

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HAMMOND - Innes Owen MA
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MES Trust died pescalully at
Cheltenham General
Hospital on 3rd October
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Funzal Service at St May's
Lover Almondsbury, Bristol
on Wednesday 9th of Funant Service at St Mary's Lower Almondsbury, Bristol on Wednenday 9th of October at 245pm followed by a short service at Canford Creasuration. No flowers but donations if desired to The Jim Hammond Memorial Fund for Cancer Clo I. 2 J Gallwell Funeral Directors 1 Quaker Lane, Thornbury, Bristol BSI2 2010 or Mason Baggott and Garton Solicitors, 13-19 Wells Street, Scanthorpe, North BIRTHDAYS with a lowing in Memoriam notice in The Times. Call our helpful friendly staff on 0171 680 6883. WATSON - David, died 7th October 1993. We still miss you Dad, love Lesley and John.

ROSS-MACDONALD - Baby Jack 23rd September, Be at peace, little angel.

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THANKSGIVING SHAW - Major James Sawyer TD. A Thanhagiving Service will take place at St. Giles Cheuch, Goodrich on Friday, October 18th at 12 mon. No flowers please, but donstions, if wished to St. Michaels Hospics c/o Abbotsfield Funeral Directors, Cantiluw Read.

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Scottman newspapers: direct that a statement setting out a summary of the Scheme and a summary of the report by an independent actuary be sent to each policybolder of N&P Life Assurance Limited with the exception of those policyholders whose current address are unknown to N&P Life Assurance Limited: guoad ultra dispense with the requirements of Paragraph 2(2)(b) of Schodule ZC of the said Act in relation to policyholders; grant warrant for service of a copy of the Petition together with a copy of the said report of the independent actuary, a copy of the said statement and a copy of this interfocutor on the person designed in the schedule for service ameraed to the Petition; appoint all parties clutming interest to lodge Answers to the said Petition; if so advised within twenty one days after the date of said intimation, publication, sending of said statement and service."

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Lord Colabrook, KCMG, PC, who as Humphrey Atkins was Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, 1979-81, died on October 4 aged 74. He was born on August 12, 1922.

man whose reputation as a politician and statesman was that of someone of traditionalist Ainstincts, fundamentally decent and honourable, yet also accident prone, Humphrey Atkins occupied the unenvied office of Secretary of State for Northern Ireland for the first two years of Margaret Thatcher's first Government. He had been called to the post in the wake of the death of Airey Neave, who would certainly have been Mrs Thatcher's first choice for the job, since he had been Shadow Ulster Secretary for four years while the Conservatives were in opposition. A hardliner who had been the mastermind behind Mrs Thatcher's leadership victory four years before, he had her total respect.

But Neave had been killed by an IRA b b which exploded in his car in the underground car park of the House of Commons in March 1979. And when Mrs Thatcher came to form her Cabinet after her general election victory in May of that year, the Ulster post went to Humphrey

As such he was to know at first hand all the intractable problems associated with Ulster at a time of particular difficulty. In the event, for the next two years he attempted without any success to find solutions to the question of a form of devolved government for the province to replace direct rule from London. A new system of local government: a powersharing executive; the "European connection" in which the province's peculiar problems might be seen in the context of membership of the European Community: were all aired in some form or another to see if anything could be made of them.

But after various attempts to reach a formula for agreement based on collaboration between the leaders of the Protestant and Catholic communities, Atkins was forced to admit defeat. His final suggestion. a devolved assembly elected by proportional representation, yet allowing blacking powers to the minority, fell cally on stony ground. By March of 1981 he was compelled to pronounce his initiatives dead and his last months in the post were marred by IRA hunger strikes

in the Maze Prison. In September of that year he was appointed Lord Privy Seal, and as such deputy to the Foreign Secretary, Lord Carrington. But his experience in this post was to be no happier than his Ulster one had been, and was of considerably briefer duration. When the Argentinians seized the Falklands Islands in April 1982 he, like his chief, was left having been thoroughly caught out over what was in the wind. To make matters worse, he was assuring the Commons that the Argentinians had not landed in the Falklands hours after their invasion had, in fact, got under way. When Lord Carrington resigned, so did Atkins.

It was effectively the end of his political career at that level, although his conservative instincts found outlet and employment in a number of other posts such as chairman of the Select Committee on Defence and president of the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations, before he was made a life peer in 1987.

Humphrey Edward Gregory Atkins was a son of Captain E. D. Atkins an ex-Indian Army officer who had settled in Kenya, where he established a coffee plantation on barren terrain which had been allocated to him. For three months the family lived in the back of a lorry while they built somewhere to live and recruited labour. But when Atkins was only three his father was killed by a wounded rhinoceros. Mrs Atkins returned with her son to England and left a partner to run the plantation. She sold out her share just before the Mau Mau

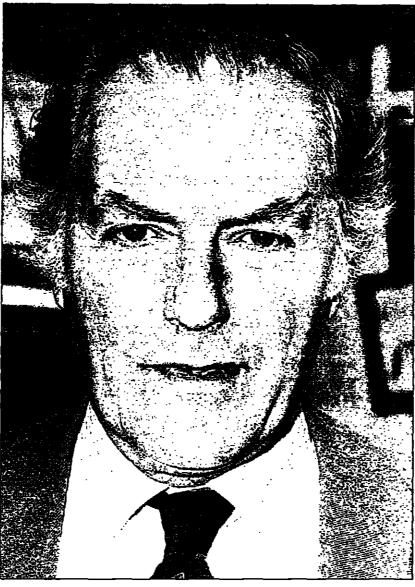
Atkins went to school at Wellington and entered the Royal Navy with a special cadetship in 1940. After his training at Dartmouth he saw service first in the old battleship, Nelson and later in destroyers on convoy escort. He was first lieutenant of the destroyer Highlander from 1942 and sailed in her on escort duty between Newfoundland and Londonderry and on the run from south coast ports to

It was during the period that his flotilla was based on Londonderry that he first became acquainted woith the people of Northern Ireland, though at that stage he could have no notion of the circumstances in which he would return there. He liked, in later years, to recall how the ship was cheered when it came into port with a bagpiper playing on the fo'c's'le.

In 1944 he married Margaret, a daughter of Sir Robert Spencer-Nairn, who had joined the WRNS.

On leaving the Navy in 1948, he was taken on by his father-in-law in his linoleum manufacturing business at Kirkaldy, Fife. His interest in politics dated from this period; he joined the local branch of the Conservative and Unionist Association and in the 1950 general election he helped in the campaign of J. Henderson Stewart (later to be a Minister at the Scottish Office) in East Fife. At the general election of 1951 - at short notice he was adopted as Conservative candidate

LORD COLNBROOK



seat, albeit with a slightly reduced

majority.
The Surrey constituency of Merton and Morden offered a better prospect; he was adopted there in 1955 and won in a straight fight with Labour. He continued to represent this constituency until 1970 when, following boundary changes, he switched to Spelthorne, Surrey, which he continued to represent until 1987. From 1959 to 1962 he was parliamentary private secretary to Charles Orr-Ewing, Civil Lord of the Admiralty.

On the backbenches Atkins took a close interest in defence, a theme to which he was to return at the other end of his political career. Between 1964 and 1970. when the Conservatives were in opposition, he was secretary of the backbenchers' defence committee, and in 1967 William Whitelaw, then Chief Whip, asked him to join the team in the Whips'

When the Conservatives won power again in 1970, he was Deputy Chief Whip to Francis Pym and took over from him in December 1973. He was Government Chief Whip until the Labour Party returned to power in February 1974 and was Opposition Chief Whip until the general election in May 1979. One successful vote Atkins was proud

Martyn Harris.

journalist and author,

4 aged 43. He was born

on October 7, 1952.

those columns in which he

recounted his battle against

cancer. Week after week in the

pages of The Daily Telegraph

he reported unsparingly on

the progress of the disease,

imparting to the topic an

interest that was not merely

pathological, using it instead as a forum in which he

expounded the philosophical

and religious thoughts to

which such an ultimately

doomed struggle gave rise. As an exercise the column had its

detractors, but none could

to recall during the period of Edward Heath's Administration was that of October 28, 1971, after six days of debate, which gave a majority of 112 in favour of Britain's entry into the European Economic Community. A free vote was allowed on the Conservative side, though the Labour MPs were whipped. Pym and Atkins were able in advance to tell Edward Heath, the Prime Minister, with only one exception how every Tory MP proposed to vote. Atkins also played a key role in organising the Tory vote in the series of divisions which were called during the late stages of proceedings on the Industrial Relations Bill in 1971. After the general election which

brought her to power in 1979, Mrs Thatcher, deprived of her closest political adviser in the person of the murdered Airey Neave, turned to Atkins to take on what she knew to be one of the most demanding, as well as the most dangerous, responsibilities in the new Conservative Government. In spite of threats on his life. Atkins maintained an on the surface calm approach to all the problems that daily confronted him in Ulster. In private, he might sometimes show his anger at what he regarded as the entrenched stupidities of some of the Northern Ireland politicians, but in his official dealings he was punctiliously correct. His object, backed up by the Prime

Minister, was to get some kind of reasonable consensus between the Protestant and Catholic communities, and his various initiatives, worked out on a number of permutations, sought to achieve some civilised arrangement. At that time, Mrs Thatcher saw the "European connection" as a means of improving relations between Protestantdominated Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic. At the time Atkins saw the dangers of presenting the contiguous "Irish dimension" in these new terms, since he felt it played into the hands of the extremist wing of the Protestant majority.

Nevertheless, the attempt was made and there was an effort by British officials to follow-up the vague agreement reached at the Dublin meeting with Charles Haughey, then Taoiseach, in 1980. But the IRA chiefs saw to it that the British Government should be placed in the dock if it did not produce some instant solutions. The Maze prison hunger strikes and the deaths of IRA prisoners put the initiative under pressure, not eased by that being applied by politicians in the United States and other countries.

Against this critical background, Atkins maintained a firm stance. In his view the prisoners had been convicted of civil crimes and they were not to be treated as having "political status". From his first White Paper published in November 1979,

MARTYN HARRIS

which aired the possibilities of the transfer of "as wide a range of powers a scan be agreed" to some new system of local government in which the large Catholic minority should have a share, and through various elaborations of this principle. Atkins encountered opposition from one quarter or another. An execurive, with some posts filled by appointment in proportion to the party strengths in the elected body, ran into opposition from Official Unionists and, at first, the SDLP. But a conference was held and talking went on from January to March

A second conference was set up by Atkins to discuss matters other than strictly political ones. A second White Paper set out two more possible forms of government. But what was acceptable to Democratic Unionists was not to the SDLP and vice versa. A further White Paper discussed the establishment of an advisory council which might even include Sinn Fein. But by this time the Maze prison hunger protests, and hunger strikes which led to some deaths, were beginning to bulk large on the agenda. Passions were running too high for a rational assessment of the likely success of any of the political formulae Atkins had toyed with, and by early 1981 he concluded that all his initiatives had run into the

e moved to become Lord Carrington's deputy at the Foreign Office, replacing Sir lan Gilmour, then seen as too "wet" by Mrs Thatcher. But the Foreign Office was to be found wanting in the total failure of Intelligence to alert the Government to the impending Falklands crisis, and its political head and deputy head honourably resigned.

Nevertheless the Prime Minister was to continue to appreciate Atkins's robust conservative qualities (he voted for the restoration of hanging in 1983) and he was her favoured candidate to take over as chairman of the Defence Select Committee in December 1983. He remained in the post until 1987 and was also President of the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations for the year 1985-86.

Having been appointed KCMG in 1983, Atkins was given a life peerage as Lord Colnbrook in 1987. Outside his strictly political duties he was chairman of the Press Complaints Commission, 1991-94, and was chairman of the Airey Neave Trust, 1984-90. A robust individual of considerable personal charm, he remained as phlegmatic after leaving high office as he had been in the cauldron of the Northern Ireland situation.

He is survived by his wife Margaret, and by one son and three daughters.

for West Lothian. But Labour held the

SIR REGINALD PULLEN

Sir Reginald Pullen, KCVO. Receiver-General of Westminster aged 74. He was born on February 17, 1922.

"ASK REG" was a familar saying in every corner of the Westminster Abbey family, whenever a serious problem needed to be addressed. He was the man behind the scenes on most royal occasions: notably the weddings of Princess Margaret and Princess Alexandra, the wedding of Princess Anne and Captain Mark Phillips and that of the Duke and Duchess of York. Very junior in 1953, he had nevertheless cut his teeth on some of the administrative problems germane to the Coronation, and later, at short notice he had been behind the scenes at the funeral of Earl Mountbatten, an event which by its very nature, had to be organised with great speed.

Royal weddings have to be run like a military operation," he once said, adding

in an amused parentheis: "When I was a boy I wanted to be station master at Paddington - but I suppose there are similarities with this job." Certainly, his unobtrusive but firm hand behind the scenes ensured the smooth running of many an event whose complex details might, in less experienced hands, have been fraught with risk.

A Cornishman, William Reginald Francis Pullen was educated at Falmouth Grammar School, going from there into the RAFVR at the outbreak of war, serving in the UK and in South-East Asia. where he ended the war in the administrative and special duties branch.

He joined the Westminster Abbey staff a ssistant to the chief accountant in 1947. It was the year of the Queen's wedding, the first of the great royal spectacles he was to witness at first-hand. He became deputy registrar in 1951, and in 1959 he was appointed Receiver-General, the post he held until his retirement in 1987. On his retirement he was appointed KCVO and in 1988 he became Deputy High Bailiff of Westminster Abbey.



senior lay member gave outstanding service to the Abbey. His contribution to the rebuilding of Abbey life after the war and to the 1953 fundraising campaign can scarcely be overestimated. His skill in diplomacy ensured that time after time he found solutions to problems which had at first seemed intractable, but were resolved in a manner acceptable to all parties. And, perhaps as important as this quality, he promoted and maintained cordial relations with the Westminster City Council, which, before his period of tenure had not been in particularly good repair. He was a member of the council from 1962 to 1965 and was also on the governing body of Westminster School. He established close links with the St John Ambulance Brigade, which provid-

He served four Deans, and as the ed first aid facilities (always a vital component of occasions in which so many are gathered together in close proximity) in the Abbey for all royal. State and other important services with very large con-gregations. He was appointed a Knight of St John in 1987.

After more than 40 years of service to the Abbey he applied his skills to the United Westminster Almhouses as Clerk to the Trustees. He was a magistrate for 25 years, sitting on the bench which dealt with junior offenders. He was a Livery-man of the Worshipful Company of Fishmongers, and a Freeman of the Company of Wax Chandlers.

In 1948 he married into the Westminster Abbey family, his wife being Angela Hebron, the daughter of the Registrar. He is survived by her and by two daughters.

ever accuse its author of self pity. Harris always faced Martyn Harris was the son of a Śwansea greengrocer.

But, although brought up in a literary ethos in which the memory of Dylan Thomas held sway, it was to the spare Englishman George Orwell that he went for his prose model, turning his back firmly on the florid style of his loquacious compatriot.

> ity in writing and in all things pertaining to literature. When he went to the University of

At school he showed precoc-

HITLER'S PEACE

The oration delivered before the sounding-board of a dummy Reichstag

yesterday was, as always, of immense

length and exuberance. It consisted in part of a hymn to German military glory

and of a paean of triumph over the defeated Poles. For the rest it was

devoted to the same protestations of

sweet reasonableness with which he has

both heralded and followed every act of

violence against his neighbours from 1933 onwards, and to a rehearsal of

peace proposals contradicting in detail but not differing in kind from the whole

series of fine-seeming offers, which he has in the past succeeded in guarding so

carefully from any practical test. In Germany, no doubt it will be fairly sure

of an uncritical audience. Let it be

remembered that the German people are

forbidden under the heaviest penalties to

listen to foreign broadcasts at all. Such

comment from abroad as is allowed to

reach German eyes and ears is edited

with ingenious care. Never has the mind

of any nation been more sedulously

Kent to read English and American literature, he convour books graduating he intercalated into his academic career a year of travel and odd jobs before going to Keele Univer-

ALTHOUGH he published two novels which were sity to study for an MA and favourably received. Martyn take a postgraduate teaching Harris was best known for his qualification. journalism. In this he came to From teaching computer prominence at first for his language at ICL he made his interviews and feature artiway into mainstream journalcles, the latter always of the ism via a brief editorship of well-observed and usually the journal Office Systems, before being noticed by the editor of New Society, Paul Barker, His sharply observed somewhat unsparing sport. More recently he had become a name pre-eminently as articles on a range of topics from politics to family life a columnist, and notably for

> magazine and led him to a publication which might have been thought antithetical to one of his left-wing leanings. But Harris and The Daily Telegraph coexisted more than happily with each other. He travelled Britain and the world, writing on a wide variety of subjects in the pithy prose style he was to make his own. Although the restraints of an office — indeed the constraints of journalism in general - did not seem to come easily to him, he was renowned at the Telegraph for copy which came in on time, and which needed little if anything done to it when it did

soon became a feature of the

arrive. Besides his journalism, Harris also wrote two novels. The first of these, Do It Again, described the return of a selfmade man to his left-wing roots. A pleasant, but essentially lightweight excursion through childhood and youth, it was succeeded by the more substantial The Mother-in-Law Joke, which appeared in 1992. Although it, too, was about a Welshman on the make in the big wide world outside the frontiers of the Principality. The Mother-in-Law Joke charted somewhat darker waters than its predecessor, in particular recreating different London locations

with economy and skill. When Harris fell ill in 1995 The Spectator, to which he had also contributed a remarkable series of columns.

asked him to describe his responses to having cancer. and this article formed the basis for a shorter piece which subsequently appeared in the Telegraph. He was to continue to contribute a column on the disease to the Telegraph almost to the end. He is survived by his second

wife, Caroline and their son. and by the son and daughter of his first marriage, to Cathy Meeus.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: William Laud. Archbishop of Canterbury 1633-45. Reading, 1575; John Marston, dramatist, Wardington, Oxfordshire, 1576; Sir Ralph Abercromby, general, Menstrie, Clackmannanshire, 1734; Caroline Anne Southey, poet, Lymington, Hampshire, 1786: Niels Bohr, atomic physicist, Nobel laureate 1922, Copenhagen. 1885.

DEATHS: Giovanni Guarini, poet, Venice, 1612; Antonio Sacchini, composer, Paris, 1780: Thomas Reid, philosopher. Glasgow, 1796; Edgar Ail n Poe. writer, Baltimore, Mar land, 1849; Oliver Wendell Holmes, physician and writer. Boston, Massachusetts, 1894; Walter William Skeat, etymologist, Camhridge, 1912: Sir Hubert Parry. composer, Rustington, Sussex. 1918; Alfred Deakin, Prime Minister of Australia 1903-04. 1905-08 and 1909-10. Melbourne, 1919; Marie Lloyd. music hall singer. London. 1922: Harvey Cushing, pioneer of neurosurgery. New Haven, Connecticut, 1939; Nevinson, painter, London, 1946; Mario Lanza, tenor and film actor, Rome.

The bell was salvaged from the Lutine which sank off the coast of Holland, 1799. It was later presented to Lloyd's of

The first airline, KLM of Holland, was established. 1919.

The far side of the moon was photographed for the first time and pictures relayed back to earth by Russia's Lunik III.

Church news

Resignations and refirements

The Rev Vivienne Aggett, Resident Minister, Hednesford St Saviour (Lichfield): to retire

The Rev Marion Bamford. Priest-in-charge, St Edward the Confessor, Brotherton (Wakefield): retired August 31. The Rev Eric Crouchman, Rector, Wickhambrook (St Edmundsbury and lpswich): to retire November 30. The Rev John Dewar, Vicar,

Longhorsley and Hebron (Newcastle): retired Septem-The Rev Margaret Freeman, Honorary Curate, Mal-borough w South Huish, West Alvington and Churchstow

(Exerer): to retire September The Rev David Glover, Vicar, St John the Baptist, Cudworth,

Barnsley (Wakefield): to resign November 30.

The Rev Nicholas Monk. Team Rector, St John the Rantist and St Andrew, Swindon (Bristol): to retire April 30.

Canon Stanley Prins, Rector, Humshaugh w Simonburn and Wark (Newcastle): to retire November 30. The Rev Gordon (Robin) Fletcher, Vicar, Ryhope (Durham): retired September 30.

with permission to officiate

same diocese. Canon Edward Turner: to resign as Diocesan Director of Education (Rochester), but continues as a Canon Residentiary and as Vice-Dean of Rochester Cathedral and be also a Diocesan Adviser on Community Affairs.

ON THIS DAY

October 7, 1939

The report of Hitler's speech to the Reichstag after the fall of Poland was fully covered over four columns in The Times, but his word was no longer trusted.

shielded from the truth, more anxiously and oppressively moulded from day to day. If Hitler's own unterances are to be trusted there is nothing that the German people will not swallow. There is assuredly little in them that, in a somewhat different sense, Hitler has not swallowed, and the world's scrutiny of his latest utterance will be guided by a complete and accurate knowledge of the deadly verdict which Hitler himself has passed on Hitler . . . Yesterday it was the

turn of the Poles, his latest victim - and his last. Year by year Hitler has larded Poland with assurances - "Poland will continue to exist" (1933) ... "Germans and Poles must reconcile themselves to the fact of each others' existence" (1934) ... "We recognize the Polish state as the

home of a great patriotic nation" (1935)
... "Poland will remain Poland" (1936)
... "Danzig and Germany respect Polish rights" (1938) ... and so on. Just five months ago he assured Mr. Roosevelt that "all States bordering on Germany have received much more binding assurances" than any demanded of him. And yesterday? Poland is a State that should never have existed. Her existence was always bound to lead to war. True to his most contemptible trait he seeks to discredit Polish valour, naively explaining that he does not want any legend of Polish heroism to entwine itself with the memory of the defence of Warsaw, Modlin. and Hela ... Unconsciously he belittles the German achievement by pouring contempt upon the organization and leadership of the Polish State.

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NEWS.

Greer 'raised £750,000 for Tories'

■ Ian Greer, the lobbyist at the centre of the cash-for-questions

affair, claimed that he had raised £750,000 for the Conservative Party over the past ten years, that he was paid to provide a car and office space for John Major's 1990 leadership campaign

and that ministers had approached him this summer for help

Mr Greer, who confirmed that he was resigning from his

lobbying company, detailed the full extent of his Conservative

links in an interview that will embarrass the party. Pages 1, 2

John Major's hopes of a Tory party ceasefire over Europe

are dealt a blow today with a warning from Lord Tebbit that

the Prime Minister's wait-and-see policy on the single currency

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English Panama

A £6 billion plan to slice England

in two with a canal that would

rival the Panama as an engineer-

ing feat will be considered in

earnest this week.....Page 10

In just 90 minutes last night Bob

Dole attempted to transform the

face of the election in a presiden-

tial debate that his advisers saw

as the last best chance to reverse

the Republican candidate's sink-

America's cheapest airline.

ValuJet, has resumed commercial

flights almost five months after

the Everglades crash that killed

Soldiers of the vanquished Af-

ghan Government fought for

their lives in the parched moun-

tains and gorges of their Panjshir

Valley fortress in the Hindu

Bureaucrats will be told to fix

their sights on a grand future

union and not be lost in small

print after the weekend EU

After an emotional send-off by a

huge crowd in St Peter's Square.

the Pope entered hospital for

what is ostensibly a low-risk ap-

pendix operation Page 15

Pope's operation

European vision

Fight to the death

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Vinyl comeback — is this a record?

■ The vinyl record is following in the finest traditions of pop

music by making a comeback. Long after being written off by

CD enthusiasts, vinyl is enjoying a revival thanks to the

popularity of dance music and Sixties-influenced bands such as

Oasis. Increasing numbers of bands are insisting on having

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albums released on vinyl as well as on CD

Back in the air

Dole's last chance

Tebbit warning on single currency

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with their election expenses.

Teenage informers

Police are recruiting informers as

young as 14 in a crackdown on

crimes ranging from burglaries

to muggings, ram-raiding and

Gerry Adams, the once penniless

president of Sinn Fein who sur-

vived on social security hand-outs

until last year, is reaping the

rewards from his new autobiog-

raphy which netted him an ad-

vance of up to £100,000 Page 3

Farmers' wives are emerging as

the shock troops of the country-

side as anger grows over the Gov-

ernment's handling of the "mad

An audacious gang of "walk-on,

walk-off" railway thieves is prey-

ing on passengers in first-class

carriages as they sit waiting for

their InterCity trains to

Leading independent schools fear

some of their best students will

miss out on a university place at

Oxford because the new entry

system is "in chaos"..........Page 7

A wine-stained sheet of paper.

rediscovered after 40 years at the

back of a drawer, may offer a clue

as to whether Sir Winston Chur-

chill was a Euro-sceptic Page 8

Churchill's doodle

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tion (7).

BERLOUP The solution of No 20,291 will appear next Saturday. The five

Drive through American street (6).

4 Suggest imprisoning extreme law-

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11 Bob is terse, and rejected assent

12 Impression made by an attendant

15 Man going round desert, wandering off course (7).

23 Left at the river-side as a decoy (4).

24 Authority for payment of an

One who makes money by back-

13 A fool one has to endure (4).

17 Late deliveries expected (7).

21 Simple catalogues (7).

ing horses? (7).

In Tough guy strikes back with lash

Saturday's Prize Puzzle winners will receive a bottle of Aberlour single

highland malt whisky.

29 Ferment near English MPs who pointedly attack the opposition?

30 The heart of a military man's

sound (6).

DOWN I Warns numbers after earthquake 2 Decorate the home anew, up and

down (7).

3 Seen across opening of cave — at least it might be (10).

5 Confront ministers? It's necessary to come clean! (4-5). 6 Some fear nothing, so make money (4).

7 Racket produced by dance over the road (7). 8 Fabric made from old yarn? Wrong! (5).

9 Helen's mother arranged deal (4). 14 Split about leaving and going back (10). 16 Opposed to procedure used in

meeting (9). 18 Preparing a list seen as vital (9). 20 Article on game that's cut short

22 City full of French trippers, going by air (7). 23 Girl embracing Tory leader does

carty on! (5). 25 Debunk what's artificial (4).

26 A slight lack of clarity in speech

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Competitors in the annual Silvergig race off Newquay, Cornwall, yesterday. The rowers face a five-mile course in 32-ft pilot gigs ARTS

Tunnel's end: Hard-pressed investors in Eurotunnel will learn today of a refinancing plan that will reduce their holdings......Page 52 Petrol: The rise in the cost of crude

oil is allowing the big companies to

claw back some of the margins they lost in the price war.....Page 52 No Labour threat: The high level of public borrowing will force any Labour government to be cautious on taxation and public spending and so pose no threat to the British economy, according to a top City

..... Page 49 Granada: Gerry Robinson, head of the fast-moving leisure group, promises investors a period of consolidation - apart from an eventual takeover of another regional TV broadcaster... .. Page 48

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Dramatic trials: The director Nicolas Kent is trawling the horrors of history for his new double bill at the Tricycle Theatre in London this week: Nuremberg and

Royal design: Viscount Linley, the

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leading furniture-maker who also happens to be twelfth in line to the throne, is this month publishing a new book that looks at extraordinary furniture _____Page 21 Opera opening: Scottish Opera has

Srebrenica

opened its new season with a production of Idomeneo that both advertises the company's poverty and makes a virtue of it Page 21

Pure dance: Richard Alston has brought his world premiere to the Dance Umbrella festival but is he taking purity too far?.....Page 21

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Music of love: Anjana Ahuja on the intimate communication between a mother and her baby Page 18

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Grand Prix Showdowns... Page 33 Rugby union: A plethora of highscoring games from the start of this season has left spectators wondering whether they are getting value for money Pages 34. 35 Golf: The regional finals in The Times MeesPierson Corporate Golf Challenge start today, with a place in the final at stake Page 37

Oliver Holt opens a new series,

Equestrianism: Fleet-footed Belgians call the tune as Francois Mathey wins the Speed Horse of the Year event in the Horse of the Year at Wembley Arena . Page 32 Hockey: Why the removal of offside has led to a glut of goals in the national league

6, 9, 25, 45, 47, 48. Bonus: 14. Two winners share £10.9million; 23 tickets win £145,543 for five numbers and the bonus, 679 win £3.081 for five numbers; 45,430 win £101 for four numbers and there were a million £10 winners.

TVLISTINGS

Preview: A daily cookery programme that costs the meal: Here One I Made Earlier (Ch 4, 9.00am) Review: Matthew Bond found Crossing the Floor strangely life.

CPINION Adams in Frankfurt

Mr Adams's new prominence and wealth are not so much reversals of fortune as perversions of justice He and his publishers are profiting from human misery Page 2

Death of an Army

Regardless of the succession battles in the Kremlin, no Russian government can safely ignore the political dangers implicit in an army bleeding to death Page 23

Cobol's second coming

Programmers failed to foresee the Saturday three years, two montand 24 days from today when their programs would misconstrue the new year as 1900 and send the world into a timewarp...... Page 23

COLUMNS WILLIAM REES-MOGG

The decision whether to join the single currency will have to be taken almost immediately after general election. Neither major party is willing to tell the electorate whether it intends to join or not This is fraud

PETER RIDDELL

What the public wants is current policies - albeit kinder, gentler versions, with more spent on public services - but managed by a different team. Mr Major argues that his policies would fail under Mr Blair but the public is no longer listening.....

OBTIDARIES Lord Colnbrook, the Secretary of

State for Northern Ireland, 1979-81; Martyn Harris, journalist Page 25

LETERS -Soviet spies: EMU; making a will; ...Page 23 lobbyists.....

TEPPERS .

Labour's Euro-sceptics debate na the principle of monetary union but the conditions under which it should come into force. The Right is in power in both France and Germany. It is comforting to think that Italy might gain an ally in a Labour government which would understand the true cost of recession - La Repubblica, Rome

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

SPORT The race for £50,000 continues. Check your team's progress in ITF

■ LATEST IN POP From Lemonheads in London to Metallica in Birmingham: the top gigs are reviewed

☐ General: southern counties of

England and Wales may see some brightness after early mist or tog

times in the north and west,

clears, but thicker cloud over more northern parts will spread south bringing rain. The rain will be heavy at

widespread hill fog. Scotland and Northern Ireland will be wet, with

heavy rain in northern and western

parts for a time. Clearer, drier weather

will spread into northwestern parts.

Breezy, with temperatures a little

☐ London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands: early mist clearing, bright at first, cloudy with rain later. Wind south-

westerly moderate. Max 15C (59F).

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☐ E & SW England, W Midlands

Wales: cloudy with rain, heavy at times; widespread hill fog. Wind southwest moderate. Max 16C (61F).

☐ NW & NE England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh &

Dundee, Aberdeen: cloudy and wet

at first, becoming clearer and drier

later, wind southwesterly moderate to

SW, NE & NW Scotland, Glas-

gow, Highlands, Argyli, Orkney, Shetland: rain at first, becoming

clearer and mostly dry. Wind southwesterly fresh, swinging westerly and later northwesterly. Max 13C (55F).

☐ Outlook: rain clearing the south;

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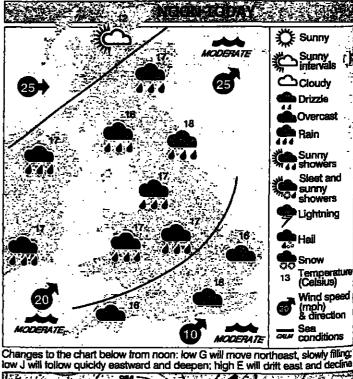
further showers later in the north.

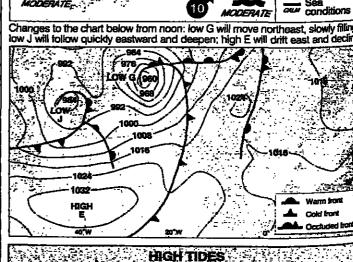
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FORECAST

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

STORTED NOMBERS









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